

LETTERS HOME FROM SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE

(P.S. Send cigarettes & chocolate)

By: Enoch William

Introduction

By Gary Williams (grandson)

Enoch Williams was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio in 1895. He was a member of the Ohio National Guard when the US entered World War I in April, 1917. His unit, the Tenth Ohio, was activated and made part of the 166th Regiment and assigned to the 42nd Division, called the Rainbow Division because it contained units from 11 different states. Between August, 1917 and May, 1919, he wrote 78 letters to his parents and sisters back in Ohio. The first letters were from Camp Perry, Ohio, and then in September, 1917 he wrote from Camp Mills on Long Island while awaiting shipment Over There. He arrived in France in November, 1917 and served in combat for the next year. He saw extensive combat in the Meuse -Argonne and Chateau Thierry Sectors and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in combat on July 15, 1918.

After the Armistice, he was sent to Bieresdorf, Germany as part of the Occupation Army. He served in this town on the Rhine near Koblenz from December, 1918 until March, 1919. He returned home from the service in May, 1919. The girl he occasionally refers to as "Sal" in these letters is neighbor girl Sarah Edwards, who he married in 1920. Corporal Williams died in 1962.



1917

Camp Perry
Aug. 17. 1917.

Dear Mother:-

I arrived safe and
sound late last night.

Say this is some
place up here. There's
about 3600 men here

I am writing this in
a box car. That is what
we are using for quarters
until we get tents. I have
not got time to get long
some yet, but expect to.

It was some trip up
here. We left Dennison
at 6.35 and got in at
7.30. and I was almost
all in

I wanted to come home
Wednesday night but I
could not get back
early enough to make
the train. I was some mad.
The whole company
escorted us to the station
and we got some send off
It was hard to go. We
had to get up at 4 a.m.
and pack our stuff. We
came through Columbus
and Sandusky to -
La Crosse, and took a jitney
to the camp. It was about
nine o'clock when we got
to bed. and I didn't
wast any time going to
sleep

look
It's a pretty sight to, out
of the door and see about
2500 men drilling. For its
all level land here. I've
seen a fellow from Dover
here already, and expect to
find more. At least I

hope so as there is only
fifteen of us. I got to
write this while laying ^{Pruth}
flat on my stomach. Tell
to send that picture to
Dover for I can't. And I
won't get any of 'em unless
I he gets one of me, and
that won't do, you know.
I'll try to send you
a view of the camp soon

I think it's about time
for me to close, for I
have to write another letter
yet. I guess you know where
so I'll have to close.

With Love to all
Enoch

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Address ^{the} letters

Private Enoch Williams

Company A 4 Inf.

Camp Perry

Ohio

P.S. Write soon

Camp Perry
Ohio
Aug 22-17.

Dear Family:-

I received your letter and
maybe I didnt feel happy.
But dont put Co-st any
more put Co.H. 4th Inf. as
it delayed it a day. I
am feeling fine but have
sore feet and that wont
last long, for you know
how my feet are. Say
hello to Virginia for me
and send me one of those
pictures to send to Leut. Jack
of the 10th. He sent a picture
of the bunch that were
sent here. I am sending
it home

We went through Columbus
because we could make
better time. You ask me
if I get to go swimming.
We are about three quarters
of a mile from the Lake.
Enough said. Say if any
letters come for me forward
them. For its like getting
money from home. I need
some for I'm broke tight.
and out of smokes. I see
where Ed Rief is drafted
I wonder what he will
do now. For he cant
use the White Therr. I wish
I had it here. Its five
miles from town and
two bits a ride

They moved our box car
home to-day and we have to
sleep on the supply building
porch. But its a good place.
Some of us are likely
to be transferred again
to headquarters and the
supply train Co's. We are
supposed to be first of
the National Guard in
France. But our old
Co. goes to Ala. Friday
the way the Lieut. said.

There is 282 in our Co. and
there is about 14 Cos here so
you see there is a lot of
men here

I got a comfort bag
all right and it comes
in handy. Say Ruth tell
Sall I still love her.

We got good cooks, one
of them is our gang, and
he's a good one. The fellow
from Dover is George

Everhardt. One of the fellows
that tried to be transferred
to Co H of the 10th. I guess
I'll have to close for my
pencil is wearing down.
Don't forget to ans.

With Love
Co. H 4th Inf. Enoch

1 Camp Perry.

Aug 28-77

Dear Mother and family:-

I am writing these lines
in the best of health and
spirits. I just came in on
account of rain. It stormed
hard here last night but
we were in a box car.

I got your letter and one
from Dover and from Sal
yesterday. You can send
me The Times once a week.
That will be enough. I sent
some of the bunch cards
and Sharley a letter. But
have not got an ans. I
got two from Dover and two
from Sal

I don't know how soon we leave. But will let you know when we do. we got paid a little, and got five Dollars left. that will finish the month. I am going to make an allotment of fifteen dollar a month to you. how is that. send one of those pictures to Sal. They are not bad, and send one to me. next pay I am going to buy a camera and take pictures of the bunch and the camp. A small camera will cost about six dollars. I won't miss that, as the only place I can spend it is the canteen. Or else pay fifty cent to go to town

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Thats cheap, but it takes
to much money to go a
couple times a week. so I
stay in camp. I sent Elizabeth
on string of small shells.

I think she will like them
Two cots of Engineers left
the other I think they went
to Ala. We dont drill hard
here. I dont believe its as
hard as at camp fore. At
least it dont seem so. One
of the fellows of our bunch
is sick in the hospital.

But I am to tough to get
sick. We had some crowd
out here Sunday for dress
parade there was a couple
hundred

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I think I'll write about 6
letters today. won't I be
busy. I sent some cards
last night. You ought to
see the guard house here, its
jammed full of fellows that
took a sneak for home and
stayed a couple of days.

I had a notion to do it but
thought better of it. I guess I
had better close for. my arm
will give out before I get all
my letters wrote

your loving son
Enoch

Co H 4th Inf

Camp Perry
OHIO

If we go to Long Island my
adress will be

Co H 166 U.S. Inf.
Camp mills
Long Island
N.Y.

Camp Perry
Sept. 2 - 17

Dear Mother and family -
I rec. your letter last
night while on guard. I
just came back from mess
and started write this. I
was out to the lake this
morning as soon as I
was off guard, and washed
my under wear. I don't
know clean they will
be. But I tried to get them
clean. I had to guard the
guard house last night
on every 4 hours for 24
hours. and was some
glad to be relieved

The place up here looks
like a railroad yards.
The talk is that we go
tomorrow but we are not
certain. I never expect
to go to France. The odds are
four to one that we don't
leave the U.S. Hardly any
one thinks we leave the State.
I am going send a picture
of our home and some of
the fellows. We have had
that kind of quarters
since we have been here.
Did Ruth send that
picture to Dover. If she
hasnt she had better
get on the job

If she dont, I wont get any
of her, and that wouldnt do
I'd like to get some cards
of The camp the way it is
but I cant. There is none
up for sale. The only way
is to get a camera and
take them yourself. A
small one they dont cost
much and are easy to
carry. You can get them
to carry on your belt. They
take a little smaller than
the one I am sending. The
camera that took this one
is a little to large to carry
I got a card from Ruth
and a letter from Sal

Since Ruth has been there
I am going to write to Sal
as soon as I get through
with this one. I sent you
a letter with the shells
It must have beat the
letter. The mail out of
here is pretty funny. You
dont know when a letter
leaves here. You dont need
to send me money I can
get along and it cripples
you up at home. I got
the Tobacco O.K. and it
was welcome. We get
canteen checks now, so we
dont need any money for
smoking. Well I ll have
to close

or I won't be able to
write to Sal, Ruth and
the old Hen

Your loving son
Enoch

Private Enoch Williams

Co H 166 U.S. Inf

Camp Perry

Ohio

Camp Mills Moneka
wy

Sept. 16, 17.

Dear Mother and family:-

I arrived here all O.K. We had
some trip up here. We left
Camp Perry at 8 o'clock Friday
night and got in Sunday
afternoon. I am writing this in
bed for I am half-past froze
to death. We certainly saw
some scenery on this trip
We came through Cleveland,
Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Albany,
Jersey City and New York. Don't
you think we went through
enough cities. We run along
the old Erie Canal a long ways

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We crossed the Hudson at a summer resort at midnight and say it sure looked pretty. We layed in Jersey City a couple of hours but it was too dark to see anything. We came throught the tunnel under the Hudson river. Just as we came out of th tunnel I saw the suspension bridge. We layed in Forest Hill about two hours, and you ought to see the eats people gave to us. apples, peaches, sandwiches, watermelon and all that kind of stuff. I wish I had some pictures of the rocks along the road. Some places the rocks went straight up, for about two hundred feet. I wish we had come through Cleveland in daylight.

I might have seen Anderman there. I got a letter from him before I left Camp Perry and ans'd it before I left. We didn't know when we left until the day before we left. I didn't have time to write then, and I have only got two envelopes and I am broke but don't send me any money for we expect to get paid any day now. Then I am going to go up to New York but I am not going to blow in all my money. We are only twenty two miles from the city proper. This is a bum camp they haven't got things fixed up at all.

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There is aeroplanes flying
around here all time. The fellows
up here dont take any notice of
them. Did you send any
of my pictures where I told
you to. I got mine O.K. I cant hardly
write this. my fingers are so cold
well I guess I will have to
close and clean my gun for
inspection

Your loving Son
Enoch

Co. H. 166 U.S. Inf.
Camp Mills Mineola
Long Island
New York

WAR WORK COUNCIL



ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION



"WITH THE COLORS"

Camp Mills L.I.

Sept 16, 17

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Dear Mother -

I just got paid this morning
and am sending home as
much as I can spare, next pay
I can probably send more or I will
try to. I haven't heard about that
allotment any I guess they
forgot about it. But will send
home as much as I can

I have to get a good many
things that and if I can send
a present for Ruth. I'll have
to close and go up and
pay my canteen bill

Along your loving son
Enoch

Camp Mills L.I.
Sept 20-17

Hello Sis:-

I rec. your letter and sure
was glad to get it. You didn't
say any thing about the
money I sent but I guess you
hadn't received it when
you sent the letter. I also
got the smokes. But I got
plenty of it now but much
obliged all the same. Say if
you could send me a cake
a nice big chocolate cake I
couldn't write enough to
express my thanks. One
with lots of frosting on
it (um) I had a peice of one
the other day.

Say but it was good.
Does Art still come over
four or five times a week
He's pretty lucky. Lots more
than I am. This life is not
so bad the only thing that
bothers me now is that we
are under quarentine. One of
the fellows had spinal meningitis
I don't know if that is right
or not. But I guess you know
what it is intended to mean
There is no danger for us, but
they put us in quarentine for
saftey first. Say sis I wish
you could see the acroplanes
there. they sure cut some
stunts. I wish I could get
into that branch of service

Let me know when you
get that money. I sent it in
an ordinary letter. I should
have registered it. But we
got paid on Sunday and
as soon as I got my money
I hiked for the tent and
sent it right away. Next
pay I might send five more
than I sent this time. I am
going to get one of those allot-
ment blanks. Then so much
a pay is taken out of your
pay and sent to whoever's
name you put on the blank.
Well I will have to close
and write a note to The
Kid. From your Wop Brother

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Camp Mills
Sept 24-17

Dear Mother

I rec. your letter and was glad
to get the one you enclosed.

You asked me a lot of questions
but will try to ans. them all

We sleep in tents and each
of us have cots and a tick
full of straw. Two blankets

Two complete outfits of clothes
underwear and all. It is not
so bad here. We have plenty

to eat. Today for dinner

We had roast beef, potato soup
bread, pineapples and tea

o you see its not so
bad as you might think.

They pay our little old
30 dollars a month every month
I got the times O.K. and you
ought to see us three from
Phila dig into them. They
didn't give us any of those
wristlets or things yet. I suppose
those things went to the drafted
Men. I dont think we will stay
here all winter, But I think
we will be here a month or
so. I didn't go to N.Y yet
and dont think I will

I am to near broke to get
Ruth a present but will send
her a card. that is about all
I can do. But will try to send
something pay day. I was might
glad to get that letter from
the old country, and will
write to Albert if you send
his address. I think I have
ans. about all your questions.
I got a carton of cigarettes and
a box of writing material from
Harley. I dont know what
you can send. for its take a
good while to get here and
things might spoil. But
would like a chocolate cake

When you write to Albert
tell him I will write to him
as soon as I get his address
and if I get any stay in
England will see him and
Grandmother. Well that is
about all I can think of
at present so will close

With Love From You -
Loving son

Pte Enoch Williams

Co H, 166 U.S. Inf.

Camp Mills Hempstead
L.I. N.Y.

WAR WORK COUNCIL



ARMY AND NAVY

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

"WITH THE COLORS"



Camp Mills, Md.

Sept 26-17 1917

Dear Mother:

I am writing this letter in the Y.M.C.A. - so I can get out of a sweet job. That of burying garbage. We had a big pile behind the shower baths and tonight at about 7:30 the order came to bury it and we had to line up and march back to the garbage pile. Then I and another guy took a sneak and wrote letters. The Capt. told a couple of us the other day, that a real soldier got out of everything he could. So we took him at his word. I guess I told you about parade we had Sunday when Sec. of War Baker reviewed us. It was some sight. It took about three hours for

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us to pass the stand where
he was with Gen. Man.

There is twenty seven states.
represented here in this Division.
And the A.N. and N.Y. troops
out class them all. What do
you think of that. Its some
reputation dont you think.

I heard that Our old company
is coming here if they do I am
going to try and be transferred
back to them. But we have
a good bunch. This company
comes from the place where
the drafted boys are going
to. It is where the Co-
was formed. Sal wrote and
told me Roy left for camp
Tell Ruth to ask Henry if he
got my card I sent him one and
cousin Bill

I guess you will be surprised
to get a letter from me so
soon. But I am getting to like
to write. If I could only write
good I would be at it all the
time. Well this is about all
I can think of at present
so will close with love to all

From your loving son
Enoch

Camp Mills
Hempstead
New York

P. S. Don't forget to send
a good chocolate cake
and pack it good
Enoch

I got mixed up on
the pages. I guess
you will get it O.K.

Camp Mills
Sept 27-17

Dear Sis-

I got the cake today and
say kid it was good. I gave
about all the fellows in my
tent a peice. And you ought
to have seen how they dug
into it. I filled myself up when
the other fellows were in the
mess line. And when they
came back. I shared up.

I say kid the fellows and I say
you can send one like that
every day. But you want to
put in something thats
pretty strong. It was not broke
up much. But they handle them rough.

One of the fellows got the ad.
off of the package and said
he was going to send you a
card telling how good it was

The fellow that sleeps aside
me got two peices he couldn't get
enough. I gave him more than

the rest for he is a pretty
good friend of mine. The
fellow that said he was
going to send a card is
one of the fifteen from the 10th

I wonder what is the matter
with the mail I haven't
got but one letter this week
If I don't get some soon I am
going to start some thing

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For a fellow is always looking
for mail. You can't get enough.
Say Art must be getting
awful awkward to bust his
foot that way. Or else he
wanted a rest, which is it.

We have had two exams. and
two shots in the arm since
we have been up here. Say
kid you ought to see the
job I had yesterday. I was
express man. All I did was
ride around in a truck
and the other guys carried
the stuff and I handled
the book and got the fellows
to sign for the things

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It was some job and the guy
in charge of it tried to get me
again. That's what it is if you
do your work good. Like I do
I went to ~~two~~ different towns
twice. One three times. That
was seven trips. And I went
through the entire Division
The guy in charge of the work
picked me out of sixty four others
Well that's all I can think
of now so will close with
Love from your Wop Brother

Co H 166 U S Inf.

Camp Mills
Long Island
New York

Stello Kid:

I got all your kisses and
they were O.K. I'll bet you
take your time going to
school. You got me beat
at writing. But you did
that long ago. Did you
have a good time at that
party. I saw you name
in the paper you sent me.
Tell Ruth I'll try to get
my pictures as I can.

Tell mother to send me a
picture of the whole family
Get Mr. Fulk to take it.
I would like to have one
of Virginia to

I got one of Anderman
and Butler. they were
pretty good. I will have to
close now for it is about
time for taps or lights out

So will close with love
From your Big Brother

Private Enoch Williams

Co H. 766 M-S Inf

6th Mills Hempstead
Long Island New York

Camp Wells Id.
Oct. 2 17.

Dear Mother:

I rec. your letter and was
very glad to hear from you.
I wrote a letter to Albert
last night. I don't know
if it will be censored or
not. I don't think it will.

There is nothing in it to
cause it to be stopped.

The card you sent with
the cake was late. I got the
cake first and that was
all that was necessary.
Ruth can send all those
cakes she wants to. I can use
them all.

I am in good health but
got a sore arm for we got a
shot in the arm this morning.
This is the sixth shot we
have got. We are getting all
our equipment. Now I expect
to get in a machine gun platoon.
The way I hear there is to be
one machine gun platoon in
each company. We got another
blanket issued to us the other
day. It makes three we have
got now. Another guy and I have
moved our cot together and we
certainly keep warm. Doubling
up that way we have our ticks
and one blanket under us
and five over. So you see there
is no chance of us getting cold.

I have two uniforms, three suits of underwear, five pair of socks two pair of shoes, two hats, an overcoat, and a poncho. We have a bag to carry our extra clothes. On a hike we have a pack to ~~carry~~ ^{and} blanket, poncho, half a shelter tent, underwear and mess kit.

We will have a hike pretty soon with our load. Say you ought to have seen me Sunday. I had to peel potatoes. I was on extra duty for not getting up on time. There was three of us peeling and we peeled about a bushel a piece. And in the afternoon we washed all the pans and the officers dishes. There was a bunch of visitors around and a bunch took pictures of us.

I wish I had some of them to show you what its like to peel potatoes for two hundred and fifty men. One of our fellows got a discharge the other day for false enlistment. He might as well got a dishonorable discharge.

I think one of the fellows out the fifteen that came with me gets a disability discharge. If he does you will see him soon.

Well this is all I can think of now. So will close with
Love from your Son

Enoch

Co H 166 U.S. Inf.

Camp Mills
Long Island N.Y.

Camp Mills I.D.
Oct. 8-17

Dear Mother:

I just got your letter and I
got the candy the other day.
Tell Ruth that Warrington
got some of the candy.

It was smashed up a little
but I could eat it all right.
Tell Bill Dunlap that the
tob. was very welcome, for I
was just out of smoking.

The stamps were just
in time for I was out for
a couple days. Do not
be worried if you do not
hear from me for a
while. I will write as
soon as possible.

The whole regiment is getting
payed to night. Do not be
suprised if one of the fellows
from here come up and see
you for one of the fellows
that come from Bennisson
is getting discharged.

We are all OK here. The only
thing that I find wrong with
this camp is the dust. This
place is the dirtiest camp
I ever heard of. If you set
any thing down for two minutes
its all dust. Tell Henry not
to send anything if you
see him for I might not get
it

Here after adress all my
letters this way

Pvt. Enoch Williams

Co H 166 U.S. Inf

42nd Division

83rd Brigade

American Expeditionary Forces

Well this is about all I can
write now. will send you
a long letter as soon as
I can. So will close
with Love

Your Son

P.S. Do not forget the address

Amer. Exp. Forces

42 Division

83. Brigade

Camp Mills S. I.
Oct. 10/17

Hello Sis:

I got your letter today and was
sure glad to hear from you.

I got the candy and smoking
all O. K. I also got the papers

That was bad news about Birch
Helmick. He was a nice fellow.
There was a bunch of fellows
I knew in that draft.

I got a letter from Sal and
she said Roy made a no-
one. She's lucky. But he will find
that it is not so easy as he
might think. Say kid all

you had on your letter was
Art and I. That must be all
you think of Ha-Ha. It's all
right kid hang to him for
he is some guy. One of the
wops that came with us is

under arrest for being an
alien. He will probably be
sent to jail till the end of
the war. There was two of them
I guess you think this is a short
letter but its the last sheet I have
Got paid Monday But cant send
any home this pay. But I
made out one of those allotment
blanks. it will be a month late
but you will get it all the
same. I would send some home
this pay but expect a move
and will need it. Well I guess
this is all for this time. Will
write more next time. Now
dont forget to write soon

Your War Brother
Co. H. 166. U.S. Inf.
PS Will get more paper
tomorrow - along Eruch

Camp Mills
Oct., 17-17

Dear Mother:-

I am taking a chance and sending this letter home with some people from Dennison. I expect to be on the water when you get this. We are getting ready to move now. Ammunition was issued to us this morning and our coats are turned in. Last night we slept on straw on the ground. We have to go out and make our blanket rolls. Am in the best of condition. Will write as soon as possible.
Your Son

AMERICAN



ON ACTIVE SERVICE

WITH THE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Nov 2 1917

Dear Mother and Family
I guess you are a little
worried about me, but I am
all O.K. We just got into
camp and say I was some
glad to get off the ship.
We had a quiet trip over.
Some of the fellows were
scared half to death.
Somehow it didn't bother
me any. I hardly thought
about them. I met a fellow
from Dennison tonight. His
name is Williams too. He is
in the Marines. I thought that
I would be sick on the ship
but I wasn't. There wasn't
very many sick on the
way over. There wasn't a
bit of excitement for we never
saw a sub. For my part I
didn't want to see any

We got some camp here. We
got buildings to sleep in.
It certainly looks odd to
see some of the people going
around with wooden shoes.
We had a good laugh when
first saw them. Say its
a job to take of your money
here. A private draws about
160 some francs. Now if
that was dollars it would
be some pay. Before we left
Camp Mill I made an
allotment of fifteen dollars
a month. That will be taken
out of my pay and sent to
you. I suppose it will be
sent right from Washington.
It will be taken out of my
pay one month and you will
get it the next month.

I also took out five thousand
dollars insurance. And besides
that each man was insured
for forty five hundred for
just the trip.

AMERICAN

Y.M.C.A.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

WITH THE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Nov 6 1917

Dear Mother

It seems like a year
since I heard from you.
But I suppose you got that
letter I sent from Camp
Mills so you know where
I'm at. I am feeling fine
and as hard as nails.
You ought to see our quarters.
We have it a little better
than at Camp Mills.
The biggest trouble is that
it rains too much to suit
me. What does Leota have
to say now since the
Swede has gone into camp.
I'll bet Fink and her are
sore. It does seem funny
to split up the bunch
that way.



ON ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

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We have not got any mail yet. But we are always looking for mail all. I believe it would be more welcome than mess call. It would for my part that's going some for you know how I am about my cats. I am writing this in the Y.M.C.A. building. I am down here every night. I never realized what the Y.M.C.A. meant before. I do now. Well I will have to close now. Write to me at least once a week.

Your Loving Son

Rt Enoch Williams
Co. H. 166. U.S. Inf.
Amer. Expd. Forces

send me Alberts
address. I lost it at Camp
Mulls
Enoch

Nov. 11, 19

Dear Mother

If I don't get some mail pretty soon I don't know what I'll do. But I know

I need a bunch of cigs. Send me a carton of Camel cigarettes once a week. That's the biggest trouble I have. We were burning cigarettes butts and everything else.

We got a pretty good place to sleep in.

We are in an old barn or house you can't tell the difference. They all look alike to me.

Y.M.C.A.

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They got quite a bunch of
German prisoners here. By the
way they go around here I
don't think that they want
to get back to Germany.
Well I can't think of much more
to write and I am pretty tired
so will close hoping that
you will write often.

Your Loving Son

P.S. This is my address

Pvt Enock Williams
Co H 166 U.S. Inf
42 Division

Amer. Expd. Forces
France

Ed. Williams
Enoch

France
Dec. 1, 1917

Dear Mother:

This isn't a very big letter
but it's a letter all the
same. So I suppose it will
be welcome all the same.

Am in good health and get
plenty to eat. We had
turkey and dressing for
dinner Thursday, and after
dinner five of us hiked about
sixteen miles for smoking.
It was some hike. I was
nearly all in when I got
back to our camp.

France 2017 106 us 17

I got a letter from Bill
the other day and it surprised
me. I got nine letters in two
days, that wasn't so bad.

Let me know if you are getting
that allotment. I only drew
eighty three Francs per day
for there is a .15 dollar allotment
and five thousand dollars

insurance. Well this is a letter
and a half. So I guess that
I will close. Hoping to get
a letter from you soon.

Your son

A. E. F.

France

Pvt Enoch Williams
Co H 166 U.S. Inf

France
Dec 7, 1917.

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Dear Mother:-

It seems like a couple years
since I heard from you.

I have received nine letters
since I have been here. But
they were sent to Camp Mulla

It's getting cold here now

It has snowed once or twice

The biggest trouble I have
is lack of smoking.

Thanksgiving day five of
us hiked about sixteen miles
to get some smoking. I got four
packs of eigs. and three cans of
sweet tobacco. before that a cig-
wound I brought two or three

fellows hands. We would
smoke them down till they
burned our lips. Since we got
paid it hasent been bad.

One of the fellows just came
in and said that some mail
came in I hope I get as many
as I did last time. Most of us
would rather get mail than
get paid and thats saying
something. I got a letter
from Cousin Bill in the
bunch of letters I got. He says
that he would like to be in
the service. Thats easy to say
when you are out of it

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France
Dec. 9, 1917

Dear Mother:

I just rec. your letter yesterday
The first I got from you since
I have been in this country
Sure you can send me a
safety razor. The one that
I brought with me is broke
I haven't shaved for a week
and I look like I haven't
washed for a year.

I got your letter and Ruth's
at the same time. It's the
third time that I have
rec. mail in this country
I suppose by this time that
you have received the letter
I wrote as soon as we landed

I wrote all I could tell about
the trip across. It wasn't the
least bit exciting to me.

I suppose by this time you
have received the first
allotment that I made.

It isn't very big but it was
the best I could do. It will
come regular for six months.

Then I suppose I can have it
extended another six months.

I send one of those pictures as
soon as you can for I want it.

I got one of Anderson and
Butler. Say it looked good
to see the old hunting grounds
back of them. I won't get to hunt
there this year.

But will ⁴next year.
Suede and Liehl might
think they got it hard. But
what would they do if they
were as far from home as
we are. We haven't got any
chance to be home for Xmas
You told me not fall in love
with France. There's no chance
The little old U.S.A. is
good enough for me. Well
I will have to close hoping
to hear from often.

as ever your Loving Son

Pvt Enoch Williams
Co H 166 U.S. Inf.

O/E.

Everett A. Brown
1st Lt. 166th Inf. A. E. F. France

France.
Dec, 30, 1917.

Dear Mother

I to a long time between letters
but I write as often as I can
I haven't been able to write
for two or three weeks.

But think I will write a little
more regular now for a while
My packages came the day
before Xmas and maybe I wasn't
tickled. Those smokes sure
hit the right spot.

I was on guard Xmas eve and
up till noon the next day.

But my squad leader got
the one box and the fellow that
gives out the mail kept the
other for me. I got some of the
candy in my mouth now.

That Prince Albert is the first
I had for a long time and the
cigs, all I can say is that I
hope that they come regular
I could have sold them all
for three times what they
were worth

But they didn't get any for I
need them all myself. This paper
was welcome for I was out of it.
You ought to have seen my first
letters by this time. for I wrote
as soon as I could. I wrote some
of the others in a saloon but
it was the only place I had to
write. I got this on my knee
and am sitting in front of
an old fashioned fire place
There is about six inches of
snow on the ground now and
its some cold. But we should
worry as long as we have tobacco
We can't get any chewing though
I don't use it myself but some
of the fellows would give a
dollar for a chew. I am going to
get some pictures take soon if
I can send them home
I hope you send those of the
family as soon as you can shoot
them. If I send one of mine you
will laugh yourself to death

Theres the chorus of a song that
expresses our feelings.

Keep the home fires burning
While your hearts are yearning
Though your lads are far away
They dream of home

Theres a silver lining
Through the dark clouds shining
Turn the dark clouds aside out
Till the boys come home

I think thats the thoughts of
the majority of the fellows.

But take it all through we are
a happy go - lucky bunch

Well I will have to close with
Love for all,

From your soldier son

Port Enoch Williams
Co H. 166 U.S. Inf.

O.K.

A.E. Fr.

E.B. McKinley

France

Co. H 166 Inf.

1918

Jan. 9 1918

Dear Mother:-

I am getting mail from you
about ^{often} as you get any from me.

But I haven't any place to
write. I got one of the ~~the~~ boxes
you sent me for X mas to write on.

How is everyone at home

I am all O.K. and have a good
place to stay in. We cook all
kinds of stuff. French fried
potatoes, soup and rice.

But none of it comes up to the
good old home cooking. I ~~think~~ had
some of that I don't believe that
I'd ever get filled up.

Paul Marmath must be some
hunter. I'd have liked to
have seen him. He'd need
something about the size of
a horse. Then he might miss
it. Those drafted guys had
it soft for Thanks giving.

We spent ours in France
Thinking how lucky they
were.

I'd rather be where I am now
than be one of them. I saw in
one of the fellows letters where
they complained about the steam
heat being turned off at 10 o'clock.
If those guys are sent over
here they would be sick all
the time. I'll bet their ears are
burning all the time. For all the
enlisted men do is cuss them
and the Kaiser. Well this is a
short letter but it will let you
know that I am still kicking
So I will close

With Love from your son

Prvt. Enoch Williams
Co. H. 166. U. S. Inf.
A. E. F.
France

P.S. Tell Art that I don't like the
Dutch. Ha Ha

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France
Jan 29 1917

Dear Jim:

Don't you think its enough
to receive a family letter.
If I ans. every letter
I get thats all I would do
If I had a good place to
write it would be different
A place like Camp Mills
a fellow could go to the
Y.M.C.A. and write all
that he wanted to. But
here its different

I have a tin box on my
knees and the paper on it
And every once in a while
some one will bump my
foot and down goes the box

Don't worry about me not
having enough money.

I haven't heard anything
about my insurance yet
I suppose it went through. For
they are taking it out of my pay

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Say whats the matter with
the kids eyes. Is she having
the same old trouble with
them. I hoot the eggs over
I can sure use them and
some more of that chocolate
Instead of taking those socks
to the Red Cross you ought to
sent them to me.

I havent heard from Sal for
a good while. I suppose its
on the road some where
The mails all mixed up
I got some last week that were
sent in Nov. and rec. the one
that you wrote Jan 2, today
Is Pete. still in the same
outfit. Erver Schidow is in the
Co. D. 134 Machine Gun Batt.
Ala. I wrote to Pete several
times and never rec. an
ans. so I quit writing to
him

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Say kid don't put any more
long words in your letters or
I will have to get a dictionary.
Whatever it be gets it soon
so she will be satisfied.

Well I think I have wrote
long enough. The candle is
about burned out so will
close with lots of Love.

From your Bro.

Pvt Brock Williams
Co H 166th Inf

A.E.F.

OK
J. G. M. K. L. L.
L

France
Feb 2 1918

Dear Mother:-

I am in good health and hope everybody at home are the same. I suppose you think I don't write often enough. I write as often as I can. Which is not very often.

I think for a short time I will have some thing to tell that ^{will be} worth while. We are drilling six days a week and drilling hard. I rec. a carton of Canned and a box of chocolates from Harley and more on the road

I have been getting the
papers regular. But send
more of that bar chocolate.
You can get that Dutch
man of Rulhs to stick in.
But don't tell him that
I told you to get him in
on it. I don't hardly know
what to write. what I
want to tell you would
be cut out. So its no
use to write it.

I see. that clipping from
Sal. Its some piece.
Well but that hero stuff
If a few more things
like that get into the
papers I'll be prominent
And that won't do for
I'll get all swelled up

Well I cant think of
~~anything~~ more to
write for by the time
you get this well be
in the ditches. I will
close with Love

From your Son

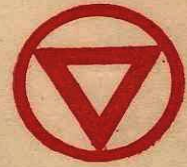
Pvt Enoch Williams
Co H 166 U.S. Inf
A.E.F.

OK'
Lt Home C. ~~Loose~~ Francis
166 th Inf.



NATIONAL WAR WORK COUNCIL
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS
OF THE UNITED STATES

"WITH THE COLORS"



Somewhere in France

(1)

Feb. 9, 1918

Dear Mother:

I am in the best of health and all O.K. I have received three packages and five or six bundles of papers. I also rec. the picture. I thought you said it was ^{it} very good.

I know it was good enough to make me homesick for a while. You didn't have it very nice over the holidays.

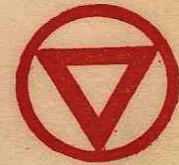
You want to take better care of yourself. The kid is sure playing in tough luck to have trouble with his eyes. I hope to hear in your next letter that you are both all well. And that Dad is working more steady. Work must be awful slack there now



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(2)

I received a letter from Henry
Fait and he said the mills
were only working half time
If Bill Mcmath does come
over I dont suppose I will see
him over here. Theres slim
chances of seeing him anyway
The only guy I've seen over
here from home is Congleton
Pete is lucky to get to go to
training school. He ought
to make good for he knows
his stuff. Bill ought to
have tried for it. Do you
miss the rabbits I used to get
you ought to have some of
these rabbits that are around
here. I think one would
make a meal for the whole
family and then some



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You asked why I didn't use
Y.M.C.A. paper. We didn't
have any at that time.
You were lucky to get any
kind of paper then. I've
hiked about a hundred miles
since Thanksgiving day.

It was some like believe me.
At present we have the
best billet of any in the Batt.
Tonight we bought about two
or three pounds of rice and
some cheese. And we'll have
a feed tonight. We do some
thing like this every once
in a while. Some people back
in the States think we have
a soft thing over here. Believe
me these are badly mistaken. We
have to work some and no time
to run around and have a good time.

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Like one of the guys rec. a
letter from a pal and they
think we have parties and
all of that stuff. The only
parties I've seen over here
is poker or dice on payday
and I don't think enough of
this country to learn any
of the language. Well I think
I've just about finished on
my paper so I'll close with
Lots of Love for all

From your son

Pvt. Enoch Williams

Co. H, 166. U.S. Inf.

A. E. F.

P.S. I guess its ^{Frank} a move
for us. mighty soon.
W.K. 4
H. 62

Some where in France

Mar. 9, 1918

Dear Mother

I guess it worries you
when you don't hear
from me often. But
theres always a reason
why you don't hear from
me. The reason you didn't
hear from me over Xmas
+ we were on a hundred
mile hike and laid over
at one place for about a week.
And there was no place
to write there. And now
there will be a good while
before I can write again.
But don't worry. For I
will be all right. And
will have some thing to
tell you

I don't think⁵ that I will
get to see any of my cousins
for we are in a different
front. And its some front
even the school kids
wear gas masks.

Say Kid is sure playing
in tough luck to have
trouble with her eyes again.
I suppos that by this time
she is all O.K. and will
read this letter. At least
I hope so. I rec. a letter
from Clarence F. last
night I was sure surprised
to hear from him.

I have been getting so
much mail that I don't
know if I can ans. them
all. I try to ans. them
anyhow

I say where does all that
Art stuff come in.
When Ruth writes that
all there is in her letter
Ha Ha. Well I guess I
will have to close with
Loads of Love for all

From you Son

Pvt Enock Williams
Co H 166 US Inf
A. E. F.
France
~~Major~~
HWR

P.S. Are going to get
a Dutchman sometime
in the near future
Enock

PS There is never anything
out of your letters.

Theres a regimental
paper inclosed I have
sent several

France

April. 1, 1918

Dear Mother:

My letters are getting to be few and far between. But I am sending them as often as I can. I rec. two of my packages all O.K. The razor and chocolate. Say its sure some razor. I got a carton of eggs. from Harley the same time. He is sure some pal I have been getting egg from him pretty regular. Tell Ruth not to kick about not getting any letters from me for when I do get to write I can only write 3 or 4 at a time and all or you read the letters that come home. Its sure got some home at this stop. Theres about a hundred of us in one barrack and mud its about knee deep in our shack. And outside you have to walk on duck boards. It been raining for two days. So you can imagine how it is in a pasture field thats all cut up with wagons of all sorts

Since we've been over here I believe that we have crossed France twice on hikes. That's all this Division does is hike and the 166th gets the most of it. The old Co. sure is lucky to be down south instead of being over here. Some of the things you see in the papers about the (Samraias) being well taken care of is all bunk.

We are supposed to be on a seven day furlough now. But we are getting it (not). I say don't forget that chocolate is almost as welcome as eggs.

About the only thing you can buy in these French stores is finish at least that's what they say when you ask for anything. Finish is a lay word among us now. When a fellow says anything to you it finish for an answer. I have seen a few English Tommies over here But haven't had a chance to talk to them. I got a letter from cousin Albert the other day

He sent the address of one of the
cousins and I am going to write to
him one of this days. They all will
form the tone of his letter. I sure
wish I could get a furlough to England
I also received a letter from Grandmother
I am going to write to her too. I have
enough letters to write to keep me
busy for a week. So you can see
I have a good job on my hands.
Well I think this is enough for
one letter so will close with lots
of Love from your Son

Pat Enoch Williams
Co H 166th Reg
a. S. F.
France

W. H. Cogswell
166th Reg

Some where in France
April 5, 1918.

Dear Mother:-

Just a few lines to let you know that I am all O.K.

We are living pretty good at present. The only thing that bothers us now is the mud. And if it would stop raining that would soon dry up. We had a morning revelle this morning. A Boche aeroplane came close to our barracks and you ought to have heard the machine guns and anti-air craft guns open up on him.

They didn't get him though. Say you ought to see me in my new uniform. Its a suit of overalls and blouse. I was put in the Kitchen a kitchen ^{Police}

I suppose you are worried about me for I wasnt allowed to write for a good while.

I wrote as soon as I could about the 29 of March I guess. I thought I wrote you that the watch and all the rest of my pkgs. were all O.K. The razor is just swell. and the same of the knife.

Just got mail. one letter from you and two from Harley and one from Bill Smith. Say you want to take care of yourself and not work too hard. All of you are getting something wrong with you. You tell me to take care of myself but all of you are worse off than me in that respect. I am too tough to get sick

Well I cant think of any thing
more to write about son will write
a little to the Kid.
your loving Son

Hello Kid:

I'll bet you are sore at me for not
writing to you. But Kid you dont know
what kind of a place I have to write
in or how many I have to write
I have to lay flat on my bed
to write this and you know how
good a writer I am I ought to
have a typewriter or something
But you can write to me as often
as you can. Well I'll have to close
with love

from your Big Brother

Pet Enock Williams

Cott 166 US 2nd

Spokane

1166 France

A. O. H.

France
April 12, 1918

Hello Kid:

Here's Birthday greetings to you
I saw this card remembered
you birthday. The whole family
had a little taste of sickness
this spring. So I had to get
off my feed a little but am
all O.K. now. We got out of
the mud and have pretty good
shillets now. You sure had it
when you were shut up on
account of your eyes. I am not
going to write much this time
so will close wishing you a
happy birthday and many of them
With lots of love from your Big
brother

W. H. Hogue

Co H 166 U.S. Inf
France A. B. H.

Frank

April, 12, 1918

Dear Mother:-

I haven't wrote for about a week or so. I have been in the kitchen and have been feeling tough for a couple of days But am all right now. Itell we managed to get out of the mud hole we were in. We have fairly good billets now. The worst things we have are [cooties] They do Thier work at night when you want to sleep and you can't sleep for chasing them. When you get after them to hard they get on you back some place where you cant get them. We saw a pretty sight a little while a Boche areoplane came over this burg and the anti-air-craft guns opened up on him

Am sending the Kid a birth
day card in another letter
I saw the cards and happened
to think of her birthday.

So Ruth is going to get married
next month. That news didn't
surprised me any I have been
expecting to hear of that any
time. Well she couldn't do any
better. But I sure would
like to be there when its pulled
off Well I'll have to close
With Lots of Love

From your Son

Port Enoch Williams

W. H. Koger
St 166

Co H 166 U.S. Inf
A. E. F.

France

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Y.M.C.A.

France

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April 22 1918

Dear Mother- Received the box with the socks in and was sure glad to get them. I haven't been able to write for over a week on account of my hand.

I had a pretty bad hand but its coming good now.

For I am writing with it. Its an awful slow job.

I couldn't wait any longer before writing or something would blow up. I ay dont believe half of that stuff in

the papers about us being in hard fighting for we haven't

I gave that chewing tobacco to the fellows in the same

billet. It was sure some sight to see them go after it.

Tell Ruth that I will send her something for a

wedding present as soon as I can. I see the times fairly

regular but if you can send a few magazines for us

don't get much reading. Well this is a short letter but

it will let you know I am all O.K. So will close

with lots of love From your loving Son

Pat Enoch Williams

Guernsey
610166th

Co H. 166 U.S. Inf.

A. & F.

France

Same writing

AMERICAN



On Active Service

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May 12 1918

Dear Mother:-

Am all O.K. now. I just got out of the hospital. I was in it about eight day with my hand. I say it was sure nice to be free from the cooties for a while, though I ll soon get them again. I seen in the Times where Sam Kopp was wounded. I havent had any letters for a good while.

I suppose it will go all around the hospital and will be a week or so before I get them. Sal sent me some (bambos) but I never got them. So I have to use Durham now

I dont hardly know what to
write I put about all I knew
in the letter I wrote last
Friday. But I cant let Mother
Day past without writing
I got a bunch to ans but
this is the only one that I am
going to write to day.

Well I guess I will close
with Love to all
Your Loving Son

Put Enoch Williams

Co H 166 U S inf

A. E. F.

France

Enoch Williams
1st Lt. 166 inf

AMERICAN

Y.M.C.A.

On Active Service

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May 18 1918

Dear Mother:

Am in the best of health
but awful lazy these days.

For we are having the best
time now that we have had
since we have been over
here. We are playing ball
and swimming half the time.
Believe this is the best weather
we have had. I just happened
to think that a year ago
today I enlisted and celebrate
by writing to you. We have
all suffered a lot over here.
But I guess in the end it's
worth it.

I know that I am better
than I ever was.

Last winter we slept in open
barns with only two blankets
and about fifteen below zero

It wasn't as bad in the States
as it was over here.

and snow about knee deep

And those drafted guys kicked
about the steam heat being
turned off. They ought hike
all day through rain and
snow and go to be in your
wet clothes.

Its either make or finish)

We have a record and only
lost one man since we
have been called out
We are too tough to
kill



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I'll bet the enlisted men
at camp Sheridan are
sore because they are sending
the drafted guys over first.

Ervin Shide enlisted with
me and his brother was
drafted. Ervin is in Ala now
and his brother is over here.

The fellows over here are
sore because the drafted
guys are being put in with
us when there is all kinds
of enlisted men crazy to
get over here. Now I am
going to turn. I want some
chocolate and eggs.

And I want a good straight
stem pipe. (Need them bad)

It aint rec. any papers
for nearly two weeks. Last
brunch I got. I saw where
Sam Kopp was wounded.

Will I guess I'll have to
close with the Lab of Love

Your son

Pat Enock Williams

Ct 166 W. 8th

A. S. F.

Wagon France
P.S. Please rush that
package



LE FOYER DU SOLDAT

Union Franco-Américaine

June 27 1918

Dear Mother and All,



I suppose you are worried on account of not hearing from me for so long.

But we have moved from the front after spending about four months away in sound of the guns. The last night in the town we were in we were gassed. We came out good though about eight of our co's were gassed.

They throwed about
a thousand shells
into the town. Two of
the fellows and I were
going into the ockard



LE FOYER DU SOLDAT
Union Franco-Américaine



to cook three dozen eggs when the first
one lit and rained shrapnel all over us
But I never broke one. But I sure hit the
ball for a dug out. Believe me we
sure bowled out the yellow backs that
releived us. They started it and we sure
gave them our opinion of them

They like the Marines
getting the credit for what
a certain bunch of inf.
are doing. He are supposed
to be resting now.



LE FOYER DU SOLDAT
Union Franco-Américaine

drilling about six days a week. For my
part I rather be up in the trenches
than doing squads right Well this isn't
much of a letter but will write more
the next Will close with lots of love
to all your loving son

Wm
H. H. H. H.

Pvt Enoch Williams
Co H 166 US inf
France A. S. F.

2 or 3 I don't know which Somewhere in France

Dear Mother

Its a long time between letters but we have been in a big show and haven't been able to write. This can be a souvenir letter for its on paper taken from a German. I have enough paper for only one letter so I give

to you. Am in pretty good health but would sure like to get back of the lines for I got a money order for five dollars the other day. It was from Underman. And I sure like to spend it. There's Y's some where around here but can't get to them.

about those Red cross tickets
Our co. clerk is sending
them. So put a fountain
pen and a good pipe in it
and fill up the rest of it
with chocolate. You hear
that we cant get all the
chocolate we want but
I havent had any since
I left the hospital.
I'll take that back. The
red cross has served hot
and solid chocolate to us.
You should have seen
the time they fed. I saw
them feed about three thousand
one day and we eat 5 thousand
doughnuts for the Salvation
Army lassies. They are
sure great those girls
are the goods

I allotted 20 dollars a month
to you. And when I made
the first one out in the
States I said there was no
dependents so you see I
fixed myself on that score
So far I have only rec. one
bunch of magazines The
others are on the road some-
where Well I'll have to
close now and go on a
detail. Gee its fierce to
have to work, Well solving
till the next letter

Love to all
your Son

Pvt Enoch Williams
Co H. 166 U.S. Inf
A. E. G.

July, 9.

Pap Tent City
Some where in France

Dear Mother and all:-

I suppose you worry a lot when you don't hear from me for so long.

But I have written several letters but couldn't send them out and I haven't been able to get any paper or envelopes where we are now.

This Division sure is out of luck for y's. When we do have one they never have any thing. So you see that stuff about the y's being in the line is all paper talk. I have only seen Three y's in this country where you could get anything. Matches and paper is the general supply.

My hand was nothing to worry about I got a blister cutting bacon while working in the kitchen and it got infected. It just gave me a good rest out of it which I needed very much

I rec. the magazines I have sent
If you sent me any I haven't got
them yet I can't tell you what
sector we are. I wish I could.

Those drafted dudes get to be in
the big towns where they can get
pictures taken while we are where
there are no cities what there is
of there is ruins. But I rather
be where I am at now than be
a draftee back in one of those
cantonnments. Well Mother I have

The same hunch that you have
For some of those big shells lit
mighty close and pieces fell all
around me and never touched me

Our division was praised by a
French general for their coolness and
fighting spirit. It isn't fighting spirit
it's just a damn spirit
For we were in the lines for a
couple months and then when we moved
we just moved to another front

I see in one of the times I rec-
to day where The transport President Lincoln
was sunk. It was one of the ships
that was in our convoy coming over.

So Bill was sent back, he was lucky.
I am figuring on getting a blighty
Thats about the only way I see of
getting a furlough.

Well I think I have written enough
for this once so will close.

With Lots of Love to All

Your Loving Son

Pvt. Enoch Williams
Co H 166 US. Inf

A. B. F.

W. C. C. C.
L. B. C. C.

France

P. S. Dont forget to put the
Co and Regiment on it as some of
my mail goes to other outfits.

Enoch

ON ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

AMERICAN RED CROSS



NAME Pt Enock Williams
Co H 166 U.S. inf
A.E.F.

Aug 6 1918

Dear Mother:

I suppose you think that I have forgotten you. But have been unable to write since some time in July. We have been in two big shows, and come through all right. Am in the hospital with a little. But will soon be out. Will just be in long enough to get a rest which all of us need pretty bad. Say but we rec. swell treatment from the red cross, eggs and chocolate. Well this is all the paper I have so will close and write more soon. your loving son

Base Hosp., No. 11. Pt Enock Williams
a. P.O. 767

OK
A.E.F.
B.R. Parker

~~Co H 166 U.S. inf.~~

Aug. 20. 1918

Dear Mother
They don't believe in writing
big letters here. You only
get one sheet of paper for
a letter, where I need a
dozen. I feel pretty good
now. I don't suppose it will
be long before I go out.
The worst of going to the
hospital is that there isn't
much chance of getting back
to the old company. I might
get a chance to get back
into the Co. I enlisted in. I
have seen some of the Div.
But haven't seen any of
the fellows I know. Well
will close with lots of Love
Base Hosp. No 11 Your Son

A. P. O. 767 Post Enoch Williams
A.E.F.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

AMERICAN RED CROSS

NAME E. Williams



Aug. 2³ 1918

Dear Mother

I am writing some mighty small letters now. But I don't get enough paper. About one letter a week is about all I get to write. How are things going at home.

I suppose my mail will all be mixed up and sent to a dozen different places. as I don't think I'll get back to company. Most likely I be transferred to another outfit. I might get a chance to get into the old bunch that I enlisted with. I saw some of their Division passing here on the train. Gee. There's some real American engines around here. Believe me they look good to me.

Say its hard to be around a place like this and no money I havent been paid for three months. Now are the allotments coming you know I made it \$20 dollars. Well will have to close with Lots of Love to all

Pvt Enoch Williams, Base Hosp. No 11 A. P. O. A. S. F.



ON ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

No 1 Letter

1918

Dear Mother and All:-
It's sure a long time between
letters, but it seems like
I can't get to write. This
is the first writing paper
I have had since I came
from the hospital. It sure
we get paper its when we
can't write and then when
can write there's no paper
so we are out of luck.
I got back to the company
about three weeks ago.
It's just like getting back
home from some trip. For
around the hospital and

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and casual camps its all
strange fellows and things
are different. Where most of
the fellows in the Co. have
been your pals for over a
year. I suppose you have
read what our outfit
did in the ~~sector~~ sector. I was a little co-
late to get into that
drive. I was coming up
when it started and there
was sure a bunch of
prisoners on their way.
Wick and cages along the
road were full of them.
Fellows were trading tobacco
for souvenirs rings, belts,
pipes and any thing they
had.

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As my part the only thing
I want to take back to the
States is myself safe and sound.
And I think its what would
please you the best.

~~Believe me its about time~~
for this outfit to get a
rest. We went into the
trenches in Feb. and the
rest any of us has had has
been in the hospital for the
the outfit hasn't been out
of range of the guns since
we went in. And we have
since had a couple of hot
times.

At present we are sleeping
in pup tents and have been
for some time and its pretty
chilly nights. But I guess
we can stand it for the
general opinion is that it
won't last long. For our
motto is Hell, Heaven
or Hoboken by James
Hell I guess I have
to close for its getting
dark and we cant have
lights for Fritz might
drop a few bombs on us.
Lots of Love and Kisses
your Son

Pvt Enock Williams

L.S. McBrat
Lt. USA.

Co H 166 U.S. Inf
A. E. F.

Letter No 2) France
Oct 8 1918

Dear Mother:-

Just rec. letter no. 7. and
was mighty glad to get it
There is a lot of mail that
was sent to the hospital that
I have not got yet but will
get them after a while
I have only rec. one bundle
of magazines so far.

Am all O.K. now I only
had a little gas just
enough to give me a little
rest which all of us need by

We are staying in the wood
just at present. Five of us
have a well place to sleep
in we have dug a dugout
and its sure cool and warm
and dry. It heck is something
to be glad for as most of the
fellows are in pup tents and
its raining every day.
Most of the fellows laughed
at us when we built it.
But now we have the laugh
on them. I suppose you
hear a lot about the Rainbow
for we have been in nearly
every show that the Amer. I
have been in yet.

I wish I had a speedometer
or something to record the
miles we have traveled. There's
some total. What do you
think I ran into some of
the old co. maybe there
wasn't some greetings and
inquired about the fellows
that weren't there. Schidt
and Wise were in the hospital
all the talked about for
several days was the old
bunch. I didn't see Bill Mc.
for the infantry had gone
back and Pete is in the
aviation branch of service
I had a letter from Harley

saying that they received
mail from Emmet after the
day he was reported missing.
He might have got into
some other outfit in action
as some of our fellows did.

Well I don't know of much
more to write I ought to
write about twenty letters
But I can't get any paper
and haven't seen a Y. for
a month. So will close
with Lots and Lots of

Love
Pst Enock Will. Your Son
B o H 166 inf

R. S. McBride
et. Usa.

A. B. D.

(7)

Some where in France

Oct. 28, 1918

Dear Mother:

I don't know when this will be sent, but I hope it will be soon. I wrote one several days ago and it never went out. Am in the lines now but expect to be relieved soon as we have been in about 14 days. Say you ought to see my home. It's a hole in the ground a few boards and dirt on top. The ~~pla~~ entrance is just big enough to crawl in and room enough inside for two to lay squeezed up close together. But that don't matter as long as we are dry and warm.

Gee but I would ² like to
sleep in a real bed once.
have slept in pup tents since
I came from the hospital.
That trip to the hospital seems
like a dream now.
All those good eats and
a bed with real springs.
Glorious! Just lugged a pipe
got it filled with Prince Albert
tobacco. it seems like home
Say don't be worried when
you get that Red Cross
coupon for our Co clerk
is sending it as we can't
get our mail out. We just
drew our overcoats and some
new underwear. We look
like sports in our coats

Well the dope we have now
is that we go back for a
rest. I hope its true for
we need it bad enough.
Gee all I ^{do} for a couple
of days is write. I've got
about a hundred to write
I owe everybody about a
dozen letters. Well I guess
this is enough for one
time so will close with
lots of love to all

Yours son

Pvt Enoch Williams
Co H 166 US Inf
A. B. F.

France

No 5

Some where in France

Nov, 18, 1918

Dear Mother:

I got a good chance to write
a letter or two. All I need is
paper. Well what do you
think of the good news.
This bunch is sure happy.
And the next letter I send
is liable to be from
Germany. As we are only
a short ways from the
German border and I
guess we go over there
for a while and come
home from there. We have
good quarters now for a
few days and are supposed
to get new clothes.

And also new equipment
We are supposed to get
more men. ~~So~~ So I get a
chance to show that I can
soldier. I have to make
good now for I have been
made corporal. It's been so
long since I've drilled that
it will go awkward at first
We have been on the line
since some time in Feb
nearly nine months. We were
within ten kilometres of
the Belgian border where
we were relieved by the
French troops. One co. of our
Reg went into Sedan

I rec. a letter for you No 15
and one from Ruth this morning
and got 3 magazines the other
day. Well I cant think of
any thing else to write so
close hoping to be home soon
Yours loving son

Corp. Enoch Williams

Co H 166 US Inf

A. E. Jr.



Luxemburg,
ON ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Nov 24, 1918

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Dear Mother:-

Am sure traveling some at present. This is the third country I been in since I left the States. We left France and hiked through a corner of Belgium and am now in Luxemburg. Am in a pretty good billet with a stove which feels mighty good this time of the year. Just think if I were home now I sure would be after the rabbits.

Talk about treatment We sure were treated great in Belgium. The people took us right into their homes. And cooked us meat and didn't want to ~~take~~ take and pay for it. The first night I in Belgium I had the ^{Best} meal I had since I came over.

All the villages we passed
through were all decorated
with evergreens and flags.
Nearly all the flags were
made from old colored cloth.
Believe me the people were
sure happy to see us.
But they are not much happier
bunch we were. Because I
think I will see you before
I am twenty three. ~~At~~ I don't
know how to act in a real
home where you can talk to
the people. I sure wish I had
learned German when we
lived in the country. For it sure
would come in handy now. Well
Am running out of paper so will
close with Lots of Love. Your Son

OK
2nd Lt Inf
J Williams

Corp. Enoch Williams
Co. H. 166. U.S. Inf.
A E F



Luxembourg
Nov. 28. 1918

Dear Dad:

Last Sunday was fathers day and we never sknew jny thing about it till yesterday. So I am writing this on Thanksgiving day. I guess it will reach you by Xmas. Well I used to think we worked mighty hard in the mine, but that was just play to some of the things we have went through since we have been over here. But its going good now. We have good billits and good feed. For our dinner to day, eight of us shipped in and bought a goose. One of the fellows is a cook and he is cooking it up making mashed potatoes and gravy. Believe me it will be some feed. Gee we had some like getting into this country. Miked through three ~~countries~~ countries. The people here all talk German I could kick myself for not learning it when we lived in the country. For They talk just the same. I can understand a little of it, but not much. I ought to have Ed Reef here for an interpreter. For what little I know I learnt he taught me.

You might think prices are high over there
But they are nothing to the prices here
I was on pass to the city of Luxembourg
the other day. And Believe me you need to
be a millionaire to live there. I wanted to
get some chocolate and the just wanted
about four dollars a bar. And everything else
is the same. Well I'll have to spend this
Xmas over here but I wont the next. not
if I have to desert and sneak on board
a ship. Well I cant think any thing else
to write So will close with Lot of Love
Yours Son

Corp. Enoch Williams
Co. H. 166. U.S. Inf.
A. E. F.

No 6

Luxembourg

Nov. 29. 1918.

Dear Mother:

It's only a few days since I wrote to you. But I can't write often enough to suit you I know so I'll do my best.

Am living in a pretty good home at present have a nice little room with a good stove in it.

Gee but I wish I had learnt German while we were living in the country for these people talk just the same as they do. There's a good many in our company can sling this talk. And they get along fine I went on pass to Luxembourg the other day it's some pity. It would take a millionaire to live there. For prices are sky high.

It only costs 4 dollars for a fifteen cent bar of chocolate. That pretty cheap don't you think. I hope you fill that box just as full as you can. For I don't think I can afford to pay those kind of prices. Last Sunday was father's day and we never knew anything about it till yesterday so I wrote one to Dad.

Do you ever see Henry Fair any more I was trying for two hours to think of ~~you~~ who I had forgotten to write to so I write him as soon as I finish this one

I ay you want to have some feed cooked
when I get back, for I have to make up
for lost time.

Though I am getting fat now since
we are out of the lines. Don't have to
worry about a thing. All we have to
do now is eat, sleep, drill, and keep clean.
We also have a better chance to get
rid of the cooties. Well I am the only
Phila guy in the Co now Mearns is in
the S. O. S. and the other has an eye out.
I ay I have only rec. two bundle of
magazines so far. The rest are lost
I suppose. When I was in the hospital
I lost Grand mother and Alberts address
send them to me in your next letter.
Well I guess this is all for this time
so will close with Lots of Love
Your Son

Corp. Enoch Williams

Co H 166 U.S. Inf
Amer. E. F.

A. P. O. 715.

P.S. I almost forgot this. Merry X mas and
a happy New Year.
Enoch

Germany
Dec. 10 1918.

Dear Mother:

Am. doing an awful lot of traveling now. We are in Old Germany now. And believe me ~~we~~ we liked some to get here. We have been hiking since the eleventh of Nov. It is not half as bad as I expected it would be.

They treat us pretty decent. We go close to the city of Cologne or rather Coblenz. Where we are now its all mountains. Its lucky for us. The roads wind around the bottom of them for most of them are straight up and down. and it would be mighty hard to climb them. Run out of ink so will have to finish with a pencil. Well I guess by this time there is a lot of fellows coming back from the camps. I suppose that about all of them will be home before us. The guys that did the work can take whats left while the drafted birds get the cream. Thats the way it goes. The more you do the more you are wanted to do. And I think that this outfit has did its share

We should worry though. We'll
make up for it when we get home.
I haven't rec. any mail for a long
while. ~~but I don't want to~~
But then we have only been getting
a few letters at a time.
I don't feel like writing much today
for its raining and gloomy outside.
So I'll close with lots of love

Yours Son

Corp. Enoch William

Co. H. 166 U.S. Inf.

A. E. F.

A. P. O. 715

Many X
and a
Happy New Year
This will be late
But I guess it will
be all right
Enoch

Beisdorf
Germany
Dec. 16, 1918.

Dear mother:

I'm getting mighty close to home only a few more days. And I think we have finished our big hike. We are stationed a short ways from the Rhine.

We are in a good place and have a mess hall with electric lights. It was some hard hike to get here. You can see what kind of country we came through by the cards I am sending. Have you received my Xmas card yet. If you haven't I am out of luck. For candy is something that I want awful bad. I believe I could eat about fifty dollars worth of chocolate. We got a little second class mail today but no first class. I rec. the letters you wrote Nov. 7 and 12 before the one you wrote on the 5 and believe me the money came in handy. I rec. it while in Luxembourg. It helped to get a goose for Thanksgiving Day. Well next Thanksgiving I'll spend at home and won't have to worry about what we are going to have for dinner. What I am worrying about just now is when will we get home.

It might be an honor to be in here as
an army of ~~occupatio~~ occupation
but the most of us would rather be in
the States. We could come over here first
and do all the fighting and the drafters
get the cream.

Well I can't write any more I am out of
practice. So will close with lots of Love

Your Son

Corp Enoch Williams

Co. H. 166. U.S. inf

Amer. C.F.

A. P. O. 715

Peisdorf
Germany
Dec. 16. 1918.

Dear Sis:-

Well kid how are things going now. and how is Dutch. Am seeing plenty of Dutchmen now. You would have laughed if you would have seen us in the first town we ~~stop~~ stopped in in Germany. Dutchmen who a short time before were fighting us, were rushing the car for us. We give them money and they would get us a bucket of Beer. That don't sound good I know. But its one of the few pleasures we have. and its not often we can indulge in that. Nobody gets drunk and we have a good time out of it.

Well kid we just finished some hike. We have hiked a few hundred kilometres since the eleventh of Nov. We ~~had~~ were up close to Sedan. I suppose you read about that. Well kid this is a short letter but it will have to do for this time. So will close with lots of love. Your Big Bro.

Corp Enoch Williams
Co H 166 inf
Amer E. F.
A.P.O. 715

Binedorf
Germany.

Dec. 22, 1918.

Dear Mother.

This will be a sort of Xmas letter -
We were over to the next town today for
church. It's the first for a long while.
and I believe it did a little good.
After the service we had a band concert
How is it in the States now. I'll
bet it's a whole lot different from last
Xmas. I know it is with us.
None of the Co. have rec. their boxes yet
I don't suppose we will get them this
year. And I guess we will have army
chicken (corned beef) for dinner. But ^{it's} all the
same to me for the La gence is finished
That's enough to make anybody feel good
Say you don't want to believe the papers
for I don't think we will be home before
Spring. For you know that the first shall
be last) I wish I was there now so I
could give Dad a scolding for not writing
I haven't had a letter from her since
Chateau Thierry. I rec. both money orders.
and believe me they came in handy
I didn't need to buy as good for we are
feeding better than we have since we left
the States so you see we are all to the good

We have a big mess hall for the Co and ~~we~~ even have to take of caps off when we eat so you we are starting to get civilized again. One thing you don't need to worry about is my health, for I can't get filled up No matter how much I eat.

We signed the payroll the other day. So we expect to get paid before Xmas. I only got seven months coming. I get seven dollars more on a pay now for I was promoted to a corporalship. I rec. a letter from Harley today and he ~~it~~ says all you can do in the old town now is sit in the house. If you see Henry tell him to write. I guess the mail that came back was the mail that followed me to the hospital. Well this is all I can think of at present so will close with Lot of Love and hoping to be home soon

Your Loving Son
Corp. Enock Williams
Co. H 166 U. S. inf.
Amer. E. F.
A.P.O. 715

Dec. 29. 1918.

Dear Mother:

Bundesdorf.

Germany.

I received the letter Elizabeth wrote the third. You should be getting mail from me right along by now, for I wrote a day or two after the armistice was signed. And have been writing fairly regular since. You have told me several times to try and get a furlough to go to England. But that is impossible you know I would do it I could. I considered myself lucky to get a twelve hour pass while in Luxembourg. And when we leave this country, (if we ever do) I suppose we will leave by a German post. If they don't do something with us pretty soon about half of us will go crazy. In fact I am about there now. It's something fierce to be in a place where you can't do a thing, no amusement of any sort nothing but drill a little, eat and sleep. The rest of the time you can think about home and the other guys are going home. Well this letter is getting to be nothing but a kick, so I will change the subject and tell about our Xmas dinner. We didn't have turkey, or any thing like that but we had a good dinner all the same.

We had roast pork, mashed potatoes, slaw.
hot chocolate, an apple cobbler, some cakes from
the Y. and a bar of chocolate. And we had
all we could eat. For part of the afternoon
I was too full to move. That was a
sensation that was new to me.

To day we had church service in our billet.
That's another novel experience, for it's a
long while since we had church services.
The band was here to and gave a little
concert. One thing about this it rains
about three fourths of the time.

I's dad working very hard these days. Here
they are keeping us over here when we are
needed at home. I'd rather work sixteen
hours a day than stay here. Well this
letter is nothing but a grouch. So will
close with Lots and Lots of Love and
hope to be with you soon.

Your Loving Son,

Corp. Enock Williams

Co H 166 U.S. Inf

Amer. E. F.

A. P. C. 715

P.S. Send me ten or fifteen dollars if you can
as this mans army has quit paying I guess.
This is the eighth month with out any
pay. Enock.

1919

Jan. 6, 1918.

Pinesdorf.
Germany.

Dear Mother:-

Rec. my Christmas box all O.K. and maybe those cigarettes don't go good. I just got the box last night and used five packs all ready. But you see I had to give my pals some. We are having nice weather now, warm but a little rain at night. We were paid the other day I hardly know what to do with my money. I rec. the kids letter written on the tenth.

Am not getting much mail now. I guess all my correspondents are waiting for me to ans. all their letters. That would be some job. Because for about four months we couldn't write. Now we have a good place to write. It's an old theater and we are using it for a mass hall and billet.

(Run out of ink and had to change the color.) Several of us were over to a fair sized town close here and believe me myself and Red head sure filled up on cream pie the first pie I have tasted since we left New York.

And that seems like a hundred years. I am sending a picture of our band in this letter. The first chance I get I will have some pictures taken. Then you can see how fat I am getting since the war finished.

Jan, 6, 1919.

Dear Sis:-

Briesdorf
Germany

Well sis how many resolutions did you make New Years. I made one its a good one too. Her its is. If we dont start home by my birthday I am going to start on accord. Thats the way I feel about this army of occupation.

any place out of the U.S.A. is out of civilisation. We got paid the other day I rec. pay for seven months. and had enough paper to paper your house.

Say kid cant you send love now without an order I rec. Mothers box and believe me it was sure welcome. Well kiddo when you see me again I'll be covered with gold stripes. I've got two service and one wound stripe now. And a nice little rainbow tacked on my shoulder.

We were supposed to hold a field meet on New Years day. But it was postponed.

Say kid the first chance I get I am going to have some pictures taken.

Then you can see how fat and saucy I am getting. Our chow is pretty good at present and all you want. The only thing I kick on is not enough sweet stuff. And believe me I can kick some.

I am sending you a picture of our land
How would you like to wear one of
the tin derbys. I'd like to throw mine
in the ditch. Thats the proper place for
them. Well I can't think of anything else
to write so will close with Love.

Yours Brother
Corp. Enoch Williams
Co H 166 inf
A.P. Ames, E. F.
1865

Jan. 15, 1919

Binsdorf
Germany

Hello Kid:

I am going to satisfy your
longing as soon as I can.

I just rec. your letter of the 20th.

I have been receiving your letters
regular But didn't have much
time to write. Say you ought to
see me now I am ~~smoking~~

an old clay pipe. I look like the
pictures of an Old Irishman.

And I am as fat as can be.

Just Think I weighed myself
yesterday and weighed 160
pounds. I also had some pictures
taken but will not get them
for several days. When I do
get them they will soon be on
the road.

That is if they are any good.
I know I'll look like a
rough neck in them.

Say kid you ought to see my
cozy little room. Theres four
of us in it. And we have a
stove, chairs, a table and electric
lights so you see we are up
to date around here.

I was on pass to the city
of Coblenz yesterday and had
some time. Its about ~~a~~ the
biggest place I have been in on
this side of the pond.

I would have got a bunch of
souvenirs but have no way
of sending them.

I nstead I am going to send
you a peice of money I got
over the. Its a fire mark
bill and has been issued
since the war ended. In fact
it called war money.

They had a box car special
ready for us to go to Coblenz
when any express pulled in
and beleive me there wasnt
many left for the box car
special. We were all pulled
on the express. Four of us were
in the blinds. Beleive me
when we start out for a
place. We always get there
We might not get there right
side up. But we get there all
the same.

Well kid I can't think of any
thing else to write. I will
close with Lots of Love

Your Brother

Corp Evelyn Williams

Co H 166 inf

Armed. E. F.

A. P. O. 715

Jan, 15, 1919

Birresdorf
Germany

Dear Mother:

I don't see why you don't hear from me for I write pretty regular since the latter part of November. I am in good health and am getting fat. I weigh about 160 pounds by these scales around here. So you I am getting plenty to eat and I have a good place to sleep. Regarding those policies I took one out in the States for five thousand and then over here I took out an additional five thousand so that accounts for the two. You don't need to bother about sending me any money. We got paid a week or so ago and I think we will get paid fairly regular from now on. Twenty dollars is not much to send home for I draw forty now and will as long as I hold two stripes. I can't hardly believe Art and Goldie are dead. It must be twice back there. What was the matter ~~with~~ with Cousin Enoch. That's the first I knew he was in the hospital. What was he in. Infantry or what. Is Ed Lukens in the Old Co. H if he is I saw him on the Argonne front. Well I think you will soon see a picture of me for I had some taken yesterday. I don't suppose they will be good ones though.

For I haven't any decent clothes. I was on pass
to Coblenz and its some town.

I haven't rec. a box from Albert yet but am
looking for it every day for such things
come in mighty handy

I should think you could send boxes
any time you wanted to do now. At least
I hope for the boxes are a bright spot in a
fellows life over here. My Red Cross card was
sent before Oct. 27. I know. I wrote several
times to Crostons. I have a sort of system
on letter writing now I check off each
letter so I write so I dont miss any.

Well. will have to close for its about time
for retreat and I have to clean my rifle
a little. So write often. Love to All.

Your Loving Son
Corp Enoch Williams
Co H 166 inf
Amer. E. F.
A. P. O. 715

P.S. Here a pass of mine

Jan, 21, 1919.

Bundesdorf.
Germany.

Dear Mother:-

Just a line or two to let you know that I am O.K. How are things at home now. Believe me its mighty hard on the nerves sticking around here. Most of the fellows put in their names for a seven day pass to France. I guess I am out of luck on that, for I didnt put in my name. I should worry though.

Today there is a field meet between the Canadians and us. A corporal from this company is going to box. Hes a good one to. Had to stop writing to go and fill out my classification card. Have to give your full history. There always something to bother a fellow. O this is the life. (Not) Gosh I ever get back to that little old mill I'll stay there all the time.

But it dont look like we will get home before next fall. If they dont I am going to desert. For I wont stay over here that long it was all right as long as the fighting was on. But some of those guys that had a pleasure trip over here could have did that. For I think we earned our chance to go back first. If we didnt no others did.

But this is a National Guard division
Pershings pets are regulars.

Well I am getting to wear so will close
for this time Lots of Love

Your son

Coy Enoch Williams

Co H 166 inf

Ames. Co. Ia.

A. P. O. 715,

Jan, 22, 1919.

Dear Sis:

Buresdorf.

Germany.

Rec. your letter of the 25th and was sure glad to hear from you. I rec. three letters to night and one times. We had a fine Xmas dinner. About the only thing you had on us was chicken. Well I would have liked to have sent you something but have no way of sending it.

I saw some of the dandiest souvenirs in Coblenz. I got sore cause I couldn't send anything. I might have sent it through the Y. but have no use for them.

There is more of those cards on the road. But in a few days I will send you a real card (a cartoon) of myself. I had some taken while in Coblenz and expect them in about tomorrow. Today we had a show at Gomperts Tour. Three men and a girl. Believe me it was good to me for it isn't very often you see a real American girl. If M.C.A. girls don't count for they belong to a no good outfit.

Glad what is the matter with all of the people back all I hear is some one of my friends getting married. Even Harley is starting to go with girls and he always used to fight shy of them.

When I get back and go to my old hang
outs. There won't be any of the bunch left.
And I will have to hunt up a new gang
to travel with. For they will have to be
home by eight thirty o'clock. Ha. Ha.

Tell Clara it will take about three months
of training before I could walk the streets
of civilization again. For I have been in
the wilds for fifteen months. I have written
to Cousin Robert several times. One thing
we won't see England on our way back.

Well I believe this letter will show you
that I am A.K. So will close with

Lots of Love

Yours (little) Brother
Corp Enoch William
Co H 166 inf

A.P.O. 715 Amer. E. F.

P.S. Say Kid put that A.P.O. 715 on all your
letters and tell Mother to. As that other
post office no. was while I was in the
hospital. Enoch

Jan 24, 1919

Piessdorf
Germany

Dear Sis:-

Heres something that will
give you a shock.

They are nix good but
the mug is correct.

They will give you an
idea of how your rough
neck brother looks.

These were taken ~~will~~
while on pass to Coblenz.

Don't show these to any
girl friend of yours or
They will leave town when
I get back. The bunch
is the ~~the~~ third Platoon
bunch of roughnecks

I suppose you will want
to know who they are
so here goes.

The gent on the righ is Corp.
Ray Noble of Cinny. O. The one
on my left is Pvt Frank Keller
of Cleve. O. The one sitting
down is Pvt Ray Leshure
better known as Red.

This finishes the history
so will close hoping to
hear from you every day.

Yours (Lazy) Brother
Corp Enock Williams

Co H 166 inf

Ames E. I.

A.P.O. 715

Good night.

Jan 23 1919

Dear Mother

Birnsdorf.

Germany

Just rec. your letter postmarked Jan the 4th. It don't matter what kind of paper it is just so its a letter from home. It only took nineteen days to get that letter. It takes longer for a letter to come from here. Do you know what's the matter Sal. I haven't heard from her for a long while. It is not so very cold here yesterday and today was about the coldest yet. It snowed a little today. We manage to kill time all right yesterday we went out to drill and played ball all day. (indoor base ball).

Iwede and Dinkel are lucky to get back right away and never see any action. I am glad dad was pleased with his letter I will try and write to often. Those letters you got back were sent to me while in the hospital for I was there about that time. I got the box all O.K. Also the money. I don't see why Broxtons didn't get my letter for I wrote one thanking them. As for stripes I have two corporals stripes, one wound and two service stripes.

When I get back I'll have to give you mine, for you are the bravest of them all.

And that's straight goods. As for where we are at we are between Cologne and Coblenz on the river Rhine.

Bill Mc Math sure ought to be home.
Cousin Enoch is sure out of luck not getting
any. We have been fairly lucky. At present
we get our mail pretty regular. But as for
pay he hasn't gone as long without as I
have. I got paid last May and then didn't
get till this month. All that time without
any money. About that registered letter you sent
in Oct. I rec. it in Dec. I don't suppose I'll
know the Kid and I don't think you will
know me. For I have changed a lot in some
ways. I hope that the next time I write I can
send you one of my pictures. Well will close
for this time with love to All.

Your Loving Son
Coy. Enoch Williams
Co H 166 inf
Amer. E. F.
A.P.O. 715

P.S. Also rec. the Kid's letter. Don't forget to put
O.P.O. 715 on all my letters.

Enoch.

Jan. 24, 1919 Birsedorf

Dear Mother: Germany

Just a few lines to go with the pictures. They are not very good but they will show you what I look like after a years service in France.

I have no good clothes and my cap looks like it was in the Ark.

The one with the four is ^{three} ~~four~~ good friends of mine.

The one on my right is Cpl. Noble. On the left Frank Neller. Sitting down Ray Leshure. Better known as Red. These were taken in Coblenz while on pass.

I am going to get some better ones as soon as I can

I lost the family picture
at Chateau Thierry. Also
all the address I had
Well its about bed time and
I have to send one to Ruth
So will close with Lot
of Love

Your Son
Corp Enoch Williams

Co H 166 Inf

Ames, E. F.

A. P. O. 715

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

ARMY OF OCCUPATION

Feb. 1, 1919
Dear Mother:-

Bundesdorf.
Germany.

Just a few lines to let you know
that I am O.K.

This afternoon we have a show
in the mess hall. I don't know
what kind it will be and don't
care as long as it furnishes amuse-
ment. There is a light snow on
the ground and has been for several
days and its pretty cold. Yesterday
I applied for a fourteen day pass
to England. I don't know whether
I will get it or not. As there are
rumors out that we are on the
priority list to go home. I only hope
that it is true.

For I have had enough of this country. Our Laptian went on a fourteen day pass yesterday.

But I think that the ~~st~~ enlisted men are out of luck for passes.

One thing I know is that we have been practicing on dress parade pretty often lately.

Yesterday we put in a requisition for new clothes.

Say what was the matter with the kid. She told me about her fainting fit.

I recd. a letter from Sharley saying that his brother was back in the States his a lucky dog.

We can't get home before spring. But that's all right we won't have to be in the cold then.

All you can do here is work like
the devil. It helps to keep your
mind off thinking home all the time.
Because a fellow would go
crazy. I sent you several pictures
in my last letter they are not
much good but they will pass
in the dark. Well I guess I will
have to close for this time.

With Lots of Love

Your Son
Corp Enoch Williams
Co H 166 inf
Amer. C. F.
A. P. O. 715

Febr. 5, 1919.

Bundesdorf.

Dear Mother:-

Germany.

Just a few lines to go with these pictures which I want to save for me. As they are of some of the fellows in the company. The one of me was taken the other day while on guard. The one marked with a cross is from Dennison. One of the 15 that was transferred with me.

I am going to keep on getting pictures till I get a good one.

We were given cards today to fill out giving our stations and health. I filled mine out and I suppose you will get it before you get this. Today we had a manoeuvre and tomorrow we have a big one.

They're nix good these days for there is an inch or two of snow on the ground.

And you have wet feet all the time.

A little thing like that don't matter though.

I put in for a pass to England the other day but I don't suppose I will get it though. No such luck for me.

I am saving my money on the bare chance that I will get it. If I do get it I'll sure have some time while I'm there.

There is a lot of rumors going around now that we will soon be home.

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I hope they are true for I think we have
did our bit over here. Well its best time so
will close for this time with lots of Love
Your Son.

Corp. Enoch Williams
Co H 166 Inf
Amer. E. F.
A. P. O. 715

Feb. 16, 1919

Brinsdorf.
Germany.

Dear Sis:

Now don't think this is
for you alone kid for
its not its for the whole
family. I sure made
me homesick to see
those pictures. Believe
me kid you have changed
an awful lot for I can't
tell which one you are
in the picture.

Did you have glasses
on. Dad sure looks
swell But Mother should
have taken her glasses
off. Gee but you are getting
up to date back there.

I f they are ^{trul} we will be on
our way before my birth
day. Say kid I won't know
that place around home
I'll meet my Friends
and won't know them
Then won't I come in for
some awful bawlings
out. O. La. La.

Well kid I'll have to
close for I have to get up
early in the morning.

Love to all

Your Brother
Corp Enoch Williams

H 166 inf
A. P. O. 715 Ames, E. T.

Feb. 18, 1919

Pinesdorf.
Germany.

Dear Sis:

What's the matter sis have you quit writing
I havent had a word from you for a good
while. I believe I have been away for
so long that every body has forgotten me.
At least I am not getting any mail.
Well kid I dont think it will be so very
long till we hit the States.

And when we do I want you to get
set for I want some eats ~~to~~ when I do
hit home. And dont get shocked when I
burst out with some remark not generally
used in society. As we have been out
of civilization for so long that we dont
know how to talk to human beings.
We are supposed to be the first combat
division to hit the States.

We have been preparing for a big review
But dont know if it will be pulled off
or not. It was to be one like we had in
Camp Mills. A final review for Pershing.

Our Divisional wagons and horses were
review and our little old regiment carried
off all the honors.

Say kid you should have my pictures
by now. As I sent them a good while
ago.

Say Kid I'll send you some souvenirs
if I can. I had a Buckle trench knife
till the other day when some one stole it.
and now I haven't any.
Well I will have to close and go to school.
That sounds like kid days.

Lots of Love.

Your Brother
Corp Enoch Williams
Co H 166 inf
American. E. F.
A, P, O. 715

Feb. 18, 1919

Pirnsdorf.

Dear Sis:

Germany.

What's the matter sis have you quit writing
I haven't had a word from you for a good
while. I believe I have been away for
so long that every body has forgotten me.
At least I am not getting any mail.
Well kid I don't think it will be so very
long till we hit the States.

And when we do I want you to get
set for I want some cats ~~to~~ when I do
hit home. And don't get shocked when I
burst out with some remark not generally
used in society. As we have been out
of civilization for so long that we don't
know how to talk to human beings.
We are supposed to be the first combat
division to hit the States.

We have been preparing for a big review
But don't know if it will be pulled off
or not. It was to be one like we had in
Camp Mills. A final review for Pershing.

Our Divisional wagons and horses were
review and our little old regiment carried
off all the honors.

Say kid you should have my pictures
by now. As I sent them a good while
ago.

Feb. 18. 1919

Dear Mother:

Briesdorf
Germany.

Am not getting any mail from you now. What is the matter. I rec. one from Kid the other day. But none written by you. We are still in the same old town as you can see by the heading of this letter. Don't know just when we will get home but according to orders, We are to be the first combat division to arrive in the States. But when will that be is the question. Anyhow I think we will be home for the fourth of July.

We had an inspection of the wagon and horses of the division the other day and the little old 166th carried off all the horses. The infantry was supposed to pass in review of General Pershing some time this week but I guess it is called off. Say I'll have to be getting some souvenirs to send or bring home.

Three fellows out of the Co. went on pass to Paris today. Believe me I am some lucky guy on passes couldn't get one if I had to. I don't see why you don't get any letters from me as I have wrote regular since November. At the least once a week. And you should have recd. lots of them

Charlie Crow and I have an argument every time mail comes in if he hasnt a letter for me. how is the co. mail orderly and has to answer a million questions a day. Charlie and I talk about that cake Ruth sent me at Camp Mills till we both get homesick. Will McMath has it pretty tough in a way, but his got it just twice as good as we have. He dont have to drill or any thing like that. We have had several cases of flu but its not bad in this co. though I dont know how it is in the other outfits. Well I guess this is all for this time so will close with love to all.

Yours Son
Corp Enoch Williams
Co H 166 inf.
Amer. E. F.
A. P. O. 715

P.S. Heres a German nickel for you do you think you can pass it.

Enoch

Feb. 16, 1919.

Birresdorf.
Germany.

Dear Mother:

Just a few lines to
let you know that I am
all O.K. How are things
at home now. Is Dad
working steady now.

Say are you receiving
my allotment regular.

It will soon run out
and I am not going to
renew it. for it can't
be much longer before we
get to come home.

We are expecting a big
review before long.

And are sure getting
drilled for it.

We are to get new clothes
to, but I don't know
when we will get them.

We get the English style
pants. They are like
civilian duds.

I don't see why we have
to stay over here while
those draftees get to go
home and never done a thing.

I guess we can stay in
this God forsaken
country till all the rest
go home.

I suppose by this time
you have recd. my
pictures. They are some
rotten things.

We can't even get a
pass. I put in for a pass
to England and didn't get it
and then put in for one
to Paris and didn't get it
Other outfits get theirs but
we can't. I suppose Bill
McMeth will soon be
home as they are in the
area where the troops
start home from.

Well this is all for
this time so will
close with Love to all

Your Son

Corp Enoch Williams

Co H 166 inf
Amer. E. F.

A. P. O. 705

Feb. 23, 1919.

Pirnesdorf.
Germany.

Dear Mother:

Recd. two letters from you yesterday and was sure glad to hear from you.

I recd. eight letters in all two from Ruth and two from Marley.

Am not feeling well tonight as I have a bad cold and a headache. I just came off guard a short time ago. Gee but I am lucky in that line. Drill all week and then the only day I have a chance to sleep late I am on guard.

There isn't much to tell about the people here. They seem friendly enough and treat us all right. The most of the men have just got out of the army. The boy in the house where I am staying was up against us at Chateau Thierry. He was a machine gunner.

We are stationed a short distance from the Rhine. This is the tourist section of Germany. Not far from here is the castle of Bussch. The big brewer in the States. I have seen it from a distance.

There is another famous ruin close here. The Drachenfels. Its an old ruined castle on a mountain along the Rhine. I to some pretty place.

We are getting plenty of chocolate and cigarettes now. And are getting paid fairly regular.

I recd. the pictures the kid sent and they are pretty good but wait till you see mine.

I don't see why you haven't heard about that money. I written several times about it. I recd. it while in Limerbourg.

I wish I had Cousin Enoch's address. I might be close to him. And could get to see him. I suppose you know Marley's brother is home. And Meanos is home to. We don't think much of him though.

I was sorry to hear that Dad isn't very good and hope that he is all right now.

Yes I sport a wound stripe and two service stripes and expect to have three before I get home. And am also in the first hundred thousand over. As you can see by my number which is 94511. Well I guess this is all for this time. So will close with lots of love to all

Your Loving Son
Corp. Enoch Williams
Co H. 166 inf
Amer. E. F.
A. P. O. 715

Feb. 24, 1919.

Dinsdorf.

Dear Sis:

Germany.

Recd. two letters from you the other day and was sure glad to hear from you.

Now in it you always ask me when are we coming ^{home}. I'd sure tell you if I knew. But I'm no General so I don't know when we move. Say kid about all the fellows and girls I know back there will be old married people by the time I get back. Then what will I do.

Now can you say that I am getting saucy when I am a model of quietness. I believe that you have got it in for me. Say kid tell those guys that would give real dough to be in my place. To come over here (too sweet) They can have my service ~~at~~ and wound stripes to.

There's about eight guys in this co. that's supposed to get crosses. Two of them have them already. We should worry about medals though. My cry is. (I wanna go home.)

Luede and Diehl just had a pleasure trip out of it. So did I. But the pleasure will be getting back. Say kid there is some scenery around this place. There's an American that has a swell castle close here. I was close to it the other day.

Its some dump. Its up on a mountain along the
Rhine. Theres another old castle close there.
That goes way back in olden times.

You have probaly read of it, I know I have
It is the Drachenfels. On the mountains
called the seven sisters. Well kid I suppose
by this time you have read those pictures

Well this isnt much of a letter but
will have to do for this time. So will close
with lots of love.

Your Brother

Corp. Enoch Williams

Co H 166 inf.

Amer. E. F.

A. P. O. 715



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Army of Occupation

Date Mar. 1919

A. P. O. 715

City

Dear Sis:

Recd your letter of March 13th and
Mothers of the Tenth today and was
sure glad to get them.

Say kid you had better get well
by the time I get back. As I can't
have you laying around sick

So you will have to hurry and
get well, as we start next Thursday
and we go straight through to
Brest and will be in Camp
Sherman by the last of April.

The way our major talks we
will have to parade Washington
We don't need the parades all
we want is to get home.

I can't hardly wait till I get there
We get on the train about seven
kilometres from here and go direct
to Brest. We don't have to lay
around the cootie camps as the other
divisions are doing.

I see where the 37th are on their way home. They sailed some time this month. They just had a pleasure trip out of it.

Well I had a little trip to Paris. It was only three days but I had a good time while I was there. I also saw Harleys brother and had a talk with him.

He sure looks good.

When I got back from Paris there was a letter for me from Cousin Enoch. And I had passed right past the town where he was. If I had known it I could have spent a day with him. Well kid I cant think of anything to write so will close with lots of love.

Your Brother

Corp Enoch Williams

Co H 166 inf

A. E. F.

A. P. O. 715

March 1, 1919

Buerdorf, Germany

Dear mother:

Recd. your letter of the 9th also one from the
Kid. I am fairly except that I have a bad
cold but that is nothing.

Am very ^{sorry} to hear that Dad is not well.
Are you getting the allotment now. If not
let me know.

Yes I knew about Ervin. Marley told me
about that and yesterday I recd a letter
from Emmet the other brother. He is stationed
in Paris. Ervin was not with the bunch
the we met from the old company.

You don't need to worry about boxes now as
we can get most anything now. You see the
G is trying to make up for what it didn't
do for us on the front. And we have a
divisional commissarie where we can get a
good bit of stuff.

Wish I had remembered Dads birthday
so I could have wrote him a letter.

Just think only seven more day and
I will be twenty three years old.

I was very glad to get Mrs. Broadhursts
letters. And answered it the best I could.
She sure wrote a good long and newsy
letter. She said she hoped to hear my footsteps
on miller ave. soon. and I think she will.

According to the latest dope we start some
time in April. It can't happen to soon for me.

As far as we know we will float down
the Rhine to Rotterdam and sail from there.

I only have two stripes for corporal. But if
they keep us here till the end of April we
will have three service stripes. As we have
been over here 16 months now.

Do you mean to tell me Anderman is going
to get married. Gee all the old boys will
be married by the time I get back.

Well I guess I will have to close

With Lots of Love to All

Your Son

Capt Enoch Williams

Co H 166 inf

Amer. E. F.

A. P. O. 715

Mar 1, 1911

Pirnsdorf.
Germany.

Dear Sir:

This going to be a short answer to your letter. But I think you will appreciate it all the same.

I am writing this so I can send a few poems taken from our newspaper.

There is one especial wish to call attention to.

And that is the first one.

Now kid I am going to tell you a little about Red Head, yes he has freckles and is skinny and can play more ~~traps~~ tricks than anybody in the company.

He just came back from
Paris where he spent three
days. Taken all around he
is a mighty good pal
I think this will be a birth
day letter for you. I forgot
about Dad so I would have
written him a letter.

The money got recd. in your
letter is war money

I am glad that you joined
the Red Cross.

Now kid do you want to
quit laughing at my home.
I think I have a good home
after living in mud holes
and all kinds of places.

I remember one cold night
a year ago Red Head and I
chased a horse out of his
stall so we could have a bed.
And that at the finish of
about an eighteen mile hike.
Say kid you ought to know
what the blinds are.

They are the little spaces
in the front end of a
baggage car.

I thank you for the chewing
gum too. It was the first
of that kind and it sure
looked good to me.

Shoot some more of those
pictures kid I suppose you
have mine by now.

Well kid I guess I will have
close With heaps of Love
to all.

Your Big Brother.

Corp Enoch Williams

Co H 166 inf

Amer. S. F.

A. P. O. 715

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Army of Occupation

Dear Mother -
Received your letter of the 16th year
and was sure glad to get it.
Just came back from Paris.
I spent three swell days.
The going and coming was
But I sure had some time
I was there. I saw Emmet
Schide there. He is an old
a. big hotel there.
Now I have to ~~make~~^{catch} up my
I have about twenty letters
write. I recd. a letter from
Enoch. I passed right by the
town where he is, while on
back to the company.
He is in the fourth div.
Roy Edwards is in the 2nd div.
They are stationed in Baber.
But I do not know what
regiment he is in or I could
get to see him.

I forget just what I sent you
in ~~that~~ those letters.

I was sure glad to hear that
Tommie was back and has not
lost his eye. He sure was
a good pal. Yes next months
means another service stripe

I'll be all stripes by the
time I get back. And believe
me I was glad to hear that
you recd. the pictures as I
thought they were lost as they
took so long to get there.

I did burst out of that blouse
Yes I lost my watch I lost about
all I had. Say you want to
look over some of things I say
when I have the blues as it
isn't natural for an american
soldier to grouch a little.

If he didn't he would bust
~~But~~ when theres work to do he
just grins and kicks into it.
If he dont grouch a little hes
sick or something.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Army of Occupation

Date

A. P. O.

City

Well it wont be so long before we get home as our sailing orders are for the 26th of April And believe me time cant pass to quick for me. Well mother I celebrated my 23rd birthday in Paris. Just think 23 years old now and two birthdays in ~~pro~~ this country.

But, I think that we can celebrate fourth of July at home. Its going to be some celebration believe me. Sunday is going to be a big day. We are to be received by Pershing.

That is where we will have to snap into it as it will be the final review of over here. As we expect to leave here before the first of the month. As we have to get our coats killed off.

Well I guess I will have to
close for this time and go
to bed. So Love to all
Yours Son

Coys Enoch Williams
Co H/66 inf
Amer S. Fr.
A.P.O. 715



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Army of Occupation

Date Mar 16 1919

A. P. O. 715

City

Dear Sis:

Just a few lines in ans. to your letter of Feb. 17th. Am in the best of health. But mighty tired tonight. We were reviewed by General Pershing today And I think we will be on our way home pretty soon. I just came back from a three day visit to Paris.

Believe me kid its some place.

Every time I went out I got lost. You see most of my time over here was spent in the backwoods And it was easy to lose me in a big city.

The review today was some sight And we used the Rainbow Banner. Say kid just imagine about eighteen thousand marching close together with fixed bayonets. All you could see was a sea of bayonets.

Will kid I think we will spend
fourth of July together.

As ~~soon~~ some of our fellows that
left on pass were run back
And some time this week we
get a shot in the arm

Say kid if I were you I would
not bother about seeing Meenas
As there isn't much love for him
in this company.

Winningham is not with the Co.
now I havent seen him for a
good while. Theres another one of
the fellows from the company home
He lives in Urichville.

His name is Joe Arnold.

Well kid just think I am 23
now and spent two birthdays
over here one going into the
trenches and one in gay Paris.

You want to have a good
feed ready for me that will
be a tres Bons present after all
this stum we get.

And we sure get some
bunch of it.



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You must be some daers maker
I beleive I'll have to get into
some buisness like that.

Say get Out to make a real
easy chair for me for when I
come to see you.

Thats something I need.

You should have recd. those
pictures by now mother has hers.
Well kid I am half dead for
sleep so will close with lots
of Love.

Your Kid Brother,
Corp. Enoch Williams

Co H 168 inf

Amer. E. F.

A. P. O. 715

Mar. 19, 1919

Dear mother:

Recd three letters from you and the kid today and was sure glad to hear that all were well. I have a lame arm as a result of an inoculation. It will be OK in a short time.

This shot means that it won't be very long before we leave. Gee but we had some job Sunday we were renewed by Pershing.

We expect to leave this place before the end of the month.

Glad you seen Tommie as everybody in the company has a good opinion of him he's a good scout.

Its easy for a fellow to get mixed up after he leave the co. as he hears all kind of reports about the others.

Its pretty hard to have everything shut down since the war ended.

Dave must be doing mighty good now. Say I forgot to tell you one thing while in Paris I went and seen Emmet Schide and maybe he wasn't surprised to see me.

I dont know whats got into me latley for I cant hardly write I have just fourteen letters to ans. I dont know when I will get them done.

Just wait till I get back
I'll manage to keep Ruth
at home a few days getting
stuff for me to eat.

Tell dad I am not worrying
about the price of that. For
there won't be any when I get
back. And tell the kid
I'll have to ans her questions
when I get back.

As I can't get enough paper
in this town to ans them
all. Just think your letter
was postmarked Mar³ and I
recd it today shows that
for quick service. It would
be all right if they
went back to the States
as quick.

Well I cant think of any
thing else to write so will
close with Lots of Love

Yours Son,
Corp Enock Williams

Co H 166 inf

Ames. E. F.

A. P. O. 715



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Army of Occupation

Date Mar. 23, 1948

A. P. O. 715

City

Dear Mother:

Just a few lines to let you know that ~~as~~ I am well.

And expect to leave this place in a few days. We have turned in all excess stuff and today the artillery turned in their guns. We are getting all set to leave and expect to leave next week some time. I think this will be about the last letter for a while at least till we get back into France some where. We will have to get new clothes and get rid of the cooties be fore we leave France. I wonder what it will be like to be without cooties.

I have had them ~~so~~ long that sometimes I think that I've had them all my life.

I think I told ^{you} that I was
from cousin Enock. He
is in Luxembourge in the 4th
He is in for a good
stay in Germany.
And so is Roy Edwards as
are in regular army dis
that form the army of occu
after we leave.

Well I guess the 37th
beat us home. All you
see in the papers from
is the (fighting) 37th.

When they only had a p
trip out of it. The same
the 83rd.

We should worry they
take what we got away
Theres eight left with
out of the fifteen tran
from old co H of the te.

I suppose you know by
time that another one
bunch is home.



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Date.....

A. P. O.

City

Well I dont know what to
write. here latley I cant seem
to write a letter.

So will close for this time
with lots of love to all

Your Loving Son
Coys Enock Williams

to 1166 inf

Amer E. F.

A.P.O. 715

Camp Merit N.J.
May, 5, 1919.

Dear Mother:

Am all O.K. I sent you
a telegram the minute we
landed. I don't suppose that
you rec'd. it

We had a nice trip over
and believe me it was some
happy lunch that seen
the statue of liberty.

We pulled right into this
camp and believe its some
job to stick around here
and be broke and all
getting 24 hour passes to
New York.

I recd. your telegram last
night. and I can't see why
you didn't get mine.

I don't know when we will
get out of this camp but I
hope its mighty soon

We parade in Columbus
when we hit Ohio.

I to going to be some job.

Wearing our steel lids and
light packs. We don't want

any parade all we want
is to get out of this one

mans army. See you ought

to see our company now

I to mighty small

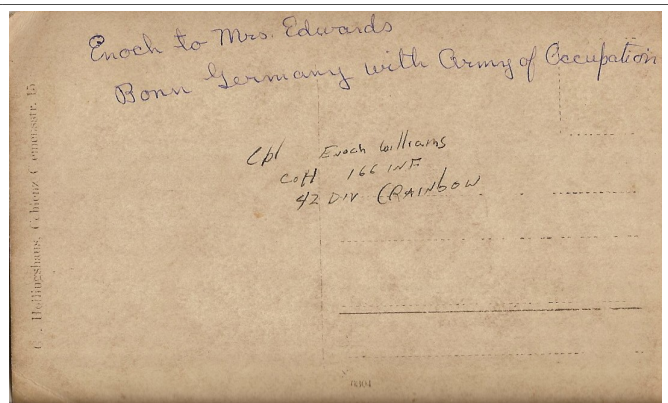
Theres about eighty men in
it now as all our replacements
are taken out. Well I cant
write a letter any more.
But this will let you know
I am well & will close
with lots of Love

Your Son

Cop Enoch Williams
Co H 166 inf

Camp Merrit
N.J.

Photos





Enoch Williams



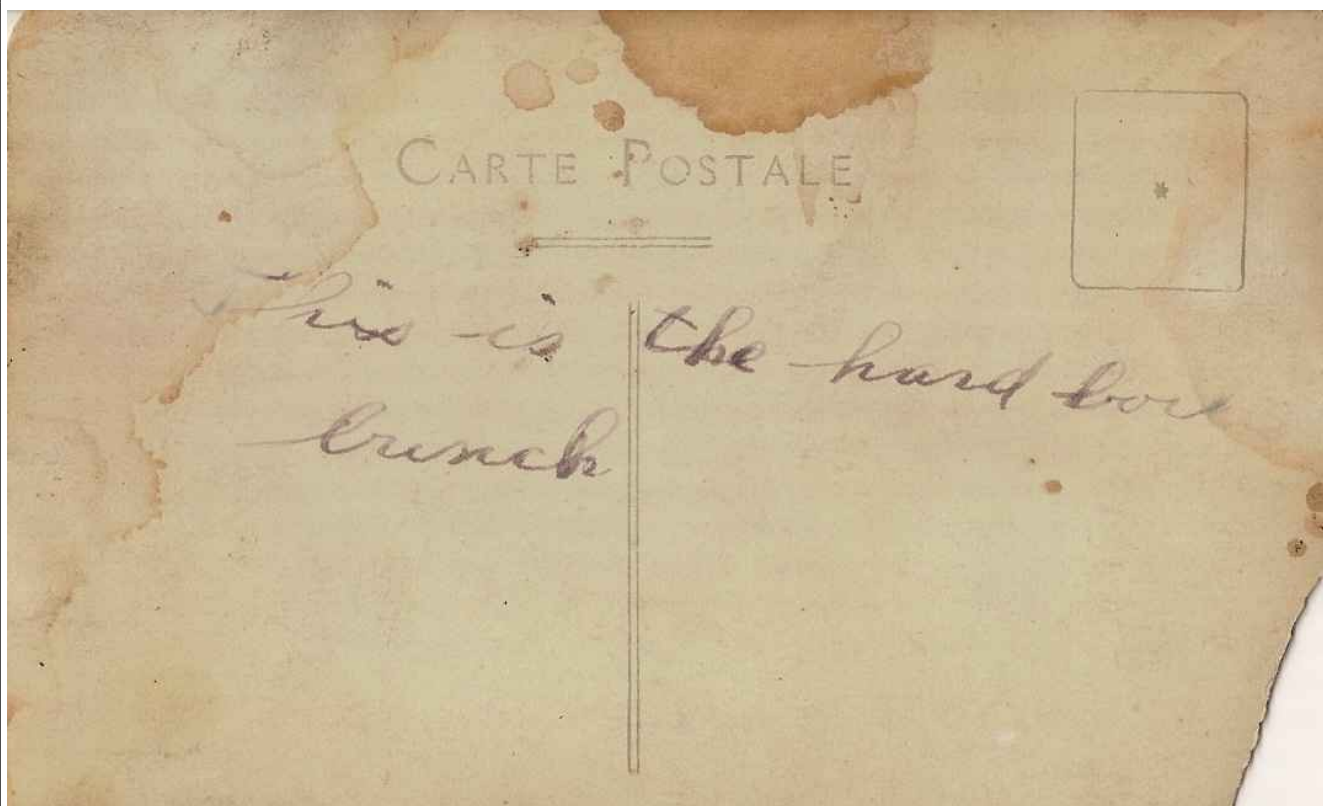
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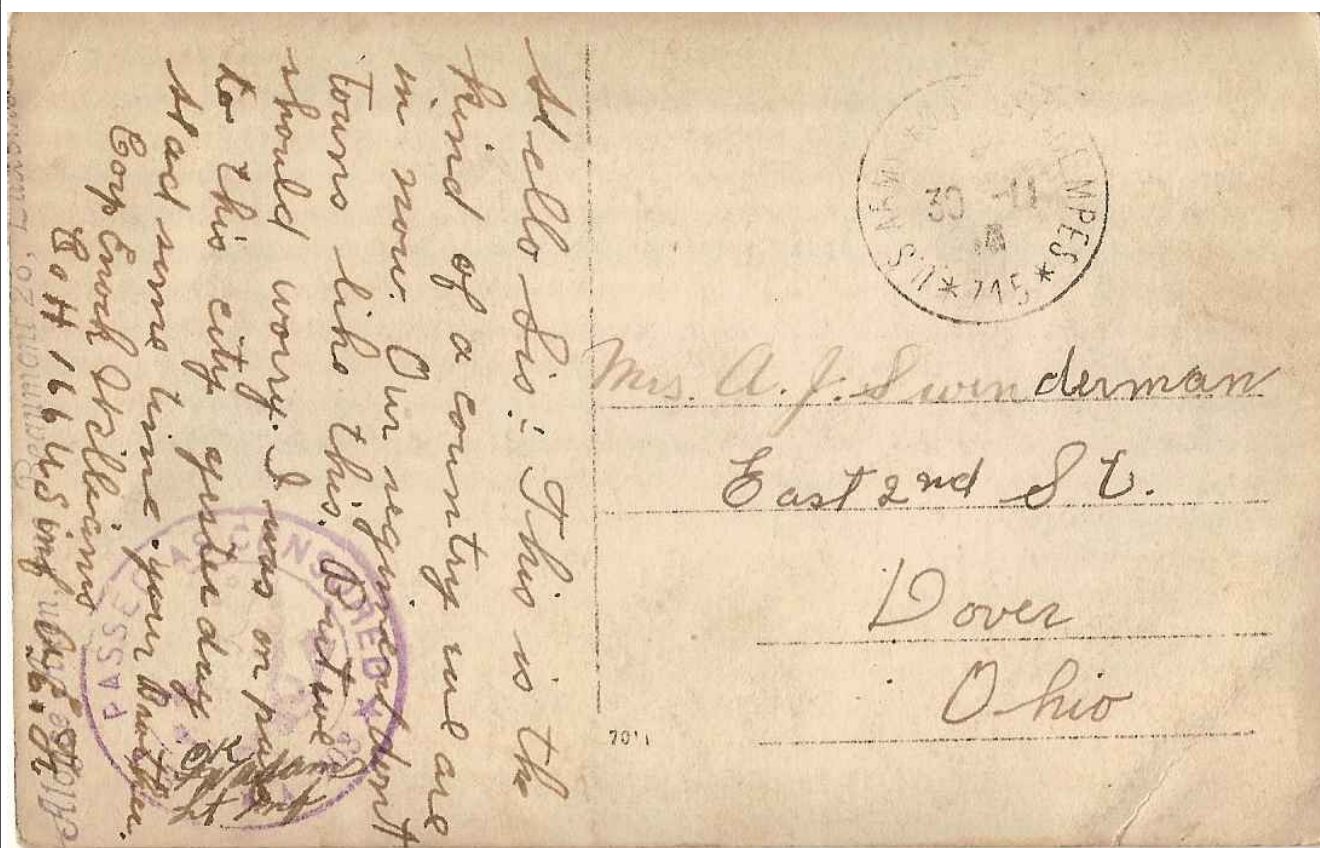
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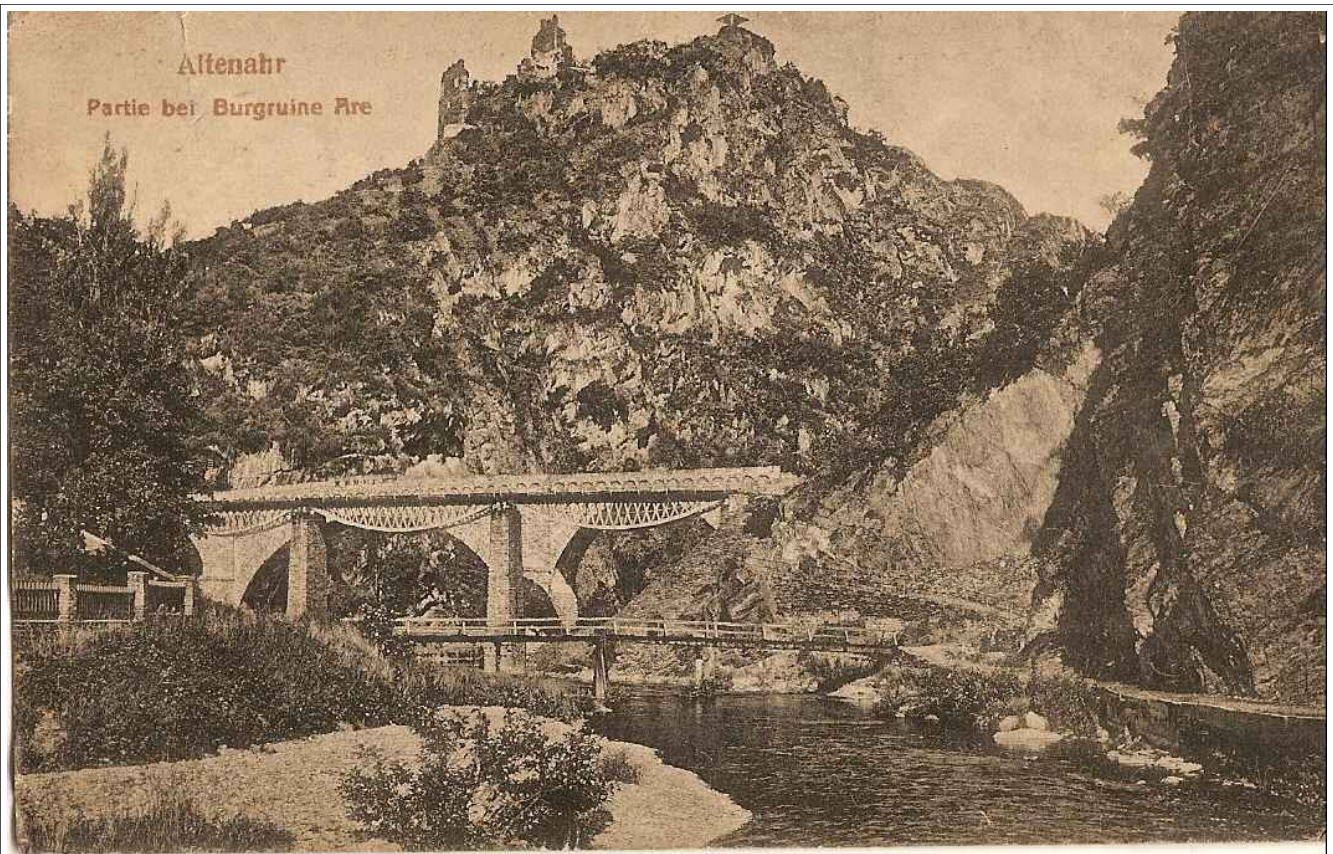












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American E.F., France, Sept. 29, 1918.

SPECIAL ORDERS.
NO. 273.

EXTRACT

Par. 1. Complying with the provisions of G.O. 110, G.H.Q., A.E.F., cs., the following officers and enlisted men of the 166th Infantry having been wounded in action by the enemy in the district Northeast of Chateau-Merry are entitled to wear the wound chevron and are authorized to do so.

Williams 94571 Enoch Pvt. Co. H. Wounded.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL HOUGH:

ROBERT S. BRIGHTLER.
Captain, USA., 166th Infantry
Adjutant.

\$2.00

OBERWINTER, GERMANY,
APRIL 5, 1919.

RECEIVED OF Enoch Williams CO. H., 166th INF.
THE SUM OF TWO (\$2.00) DOLLARS FULL PAYMENT OF ENTRANCE MEMBERSHIP
DUES IN THE RAINBOW DIVISION VETERANS AND OHIO CHAPTER RAINBOW DIV-
ISION VETERANS.

R. M. Cheseldine
R. M. CHESELDINE,

CAPTAIN, 166th INFANTRY,
TREASURER OHIO CHAPTER R. D. V.



Discharge Summary

Name: Enoch Williams

Serial Number: 94571

Race: W

Residence: New Philadelphia, O.

Enlistment Division: National Guard Enlistment

Location: New Philadelphia, O.

Enlistment Date: 18 May 1917

Birth Place: Dover, O.

Assigns Comment: Co H 10 Infantry ONG to 12 Aug 1917;
Co H 4 Infantry ONG (Co H 166 Infantry to Discharge Corporal 24 Nov 1918.
Champagne-Marne; Aisne-Marne; St Mihiel; Meuse-Argonne; Defensive Sector. Wounded
In Action slightly 31 July 1918. American Expeditionary Forces 18 Oct 1917 to 25 Apr
1919. Honorable discharge 2 June 1919.

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